



# STREET MARKET BID STILL ALIVE

Report by Richard Guttridge

**PLANS to bring a new outdoor street market to Stourbridge have stalled but bosses behind the scheme insist they remain committed to the project.**

A councillor revealed that discussions are going on behind the scenes to get the project up and running.

It was hoped a weekly Thursday market could have launched this April but LSD Promotions, which put the proposals forward, appears no closer to getting the go-ahead.

The arrival of the market would have seen High Street and Market Street closed to traffic each Thursday. The proposals met with mixed views. Opposition from some traders and uncertainty over the leadership of Dudley Council following the local elections meant the proposals were put on the back burner.

But Michael Morgan, from LSD, said he was hopeful, now that the Labour group has been confirmed as in control, the proposal will be back on the agenda.

However, he was unable to say when the market could be up and running, saying it was a 'waiting game'.

Mr Morgan added: "After the local elections, nobody was left in overall control so it was put back with everything else that was going on. Now we can get it rolling again."

## Impact

Stourbridge councillor Nicholas Barlow said concerns from the Stourbridge Chamber of Trade had an impact. Some traders claimed holding a market on a Thursday could have a damaging effect on the High Street but the idea has been largely welcomed by the public.

Councillor Barlow explained: "I know it went to consultation with the chamber of trade and there were some concerns about the proposed siting within the High Street."

"Unfortunately, it's still up air. We want to make sure the balance is right and there is not an effect on established businesses."

However, Councillor Barlow remained confident the market would still go ahead. He said: "It is certainly something that is welcomed by people who come into Stourbridge. They would like to see a market back on a regular basis. Discussions are still going on behind the scenes. We have to make sure it is right for the whole of Stourbridge."

The possibility of holding the market on Saturdays instead was floated by some traders and Stourbridge MP Margot James.

LSD Promotions are sticking to their Thursday plan. A trial period has been suggested by the company before a decision would be made on whether to make the market a permanent fixture.

## NEW-LOOK PARK UNVEILED AFTER £3M REVAMP



Marking the park's re-opening is Mayor of Dudley Councillor Mohammed Hanif, with, left, Simon Creedy, and Adam Creedy

THE new-look Mary Stevens Park has been officially unveiled with a revamped bandstand hitting a high note for visitors.

The Stourbridge park has undergone a £3.1 million programme of improvements.

Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Mohammed Hanif, cut the ribbon at a ceremony beside the grade II listed bandstand, which has seen parts of its original ironwork replaced and Stourbridge coat of arms plaques installed.

A new power supply to the bandstand was also laid for future concerts.

Adam Creedy, whose great-grandfather

was the park's Stourbridge benefactor Ernest Stevens, was a special guest at the ceremony last weekend.

Councillor Hanif said: "It was an honour. It was really well attended. There must have been about 800 to 1,000 people on the day. I think the park itself is just stunning - money well spent."

The park re-opening was part of a weekend of royal-themed events for the Queen's 90th birthday with a Royal Market and Food Fair with live music and market stalls. A dog show also took place on Saturday.

Councillor Hilary Bills, cabinet member for environmental services, said: "I'm delighted that the park is to be fully open again in time for people to enjoy during the summer."

"The park is looking absolutely fantastic and I hope people will enjoy the new facilities. I would like to thank all the park users for being so patient while the improvement work was being undertaken."

Funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Big Lottery Fund has enabled major restoration work to be undertaken.

## CUTS

### Jobs face the axe at advice service

DOZENS of jobs are hanging in the balance at Dudley's Citizens Advice Bureau as the service faces losing hundreds of thousands of pounds in council funding.

Bosses at the CAB, which employs 50, confirmed there will be redundancies after being told the amount it receives from Dudley Council would be cut.

Council chiefs say they are reviewing how much money could continue to be provided to the service. The CAB receives £750,000 a year from the council but the authority has said it can no longer afford that because of Government cuts.

## THEATRE

### Four years until Hippodrome opens

CAMPAIGNERS who have rescued Dudley Hippodrome from the bulldozers have said it will be four years before the landmark former theatre is open again.

Black Country Hippodrome Ltd will be handed a five-year lease to allow the group to refurbish the derelict former theatre on Castle Hill.

They are hoping to begin restoration work as soon as possible. Asbestos needs to be removed and major repair work is needed to bring it up to scratch.

## TRAVELLERS

### Park invaded as 50 caravans roll on

TRAVELLERS moved onto a park in Halesowen, just as nearby residents were planning a street party to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.

Around 50 caravans set up camp at Hurst Green Park, Shell Corner, on Saturday evening after bushes were removed and a concrete bin ripped out of the way.

Councillor Stuart Henley, who represents the Halesowen North Ward, said: "This is the highest amount of travellers we have had on there. We have spent a fortune trying to secure it and we thought we had cured it. The council is in the process of issuing an order to get them removed."

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# Terror threat leads to holiday fine

A COUPLE from Kingswinford were fined £240 after taking their son on holiday during term time – even though the trip had to be rearranged due to a terror attack.

Debbie Proudler and husband Lee had booked to take sons Lewis, 13, and Ellis, 10, to Egypt's Sharm El Sheikh resort, but the holiday was cancelled in the wake of an ISIS bomb attack on a Russian holiday jet.

Holbeach Travel rearranged it for another Egyptian destination. But the Stourbridge-based firm had to fly the family out a day earlier than originally planned, to Hurgada rather than Sharm.

Initially, Lewis and Ellis were set to miss four days of the last week of the Christmas term but

under the new plans actually missed the whole school week. While both boys' schools approved the original break, Blanford Mere Primary in Kingswinford – where Ellis goes – refused to authorise a fifth day.

Mrs Proudler said: "We would have lost thousands of pounds by cancelling the holiday but the school couldn't see that the terrorism threat level was a reason for Ellis to be authorised for a day of absence. I was told to send a letter to the governors, but it took so long to be seen to, that Lee and I then had our original £60 fines doubled to £240."

"The letter also claimed that Ellis does not attend school regularly but he has a 93 per cent attendance record."

Mr Proudler said the couple did pay the fine. "We have paid it. We obviously weren't happy about it as it wasn't our fault," he said.

Nikki Miller, head teacher at the school, said: "Good attendance in school is vital for an all-round education. These national rules are set by Government and apply to all schools up and down the country."

"The rules make it impossible for us to agree for children to have time off during school term, unless there are exceptional circumstances, which does not include family holidays. The vast majority of parents at the school share our vision for making the education of children through regular attendance a top priority."

# Pupils let home early to watch England game

A SCHOOL in the Black Country is letting its pupils go home early to watch England take on Wales in Euro 2016 – despite the national furore surrounding term-time absences.

Summerhill School in Kingswinford will run a 'consolidated' school day today (Thursday) as the neighbouring nations battle it out in France.

It appears the Lodge Lane school will be the only one in the Dudley borough planning the change because of the big match.

Ben Warren, headteacher at Summerhill School, said: "At Summerhill we think it's important to listen to our students and offer them a fully-rounded educational experience which strikes a healthy balance between work and play."

## Popularity

"In light of the anticipated popularity of the England game we have decided to run a consolidated day, as we have done in the past on occasions such as the last day of term, to allow our children to receive a full quota of lessons and still have time to make it home to watch the match with their family and friends."

"By omitting lunch and shortening each of the six lessons in the day by 10 minutes, we are able to finish the school day at 1.10pm rather than 3.15pm."

"We informed all parents of this change three weeks ago and they've been very supportive. The school will remain open in the afternoon for any pupils who wish to remain for supervised study, but we anticipate that all 1,000 of our pupils will be working with extra diligence in the morning so that they can enjoy a patriotic afternoon watching the game."

Their decision comes after a school in Southampton reversed plans to allow pupils to go home to watch the match following criticism and claims of hypocrisy by term-time holiday campaigners.

Councillor Patrick Harley, of Kingswinford South Ward, said: "It should be down to the head teachers in what they feel best to do. The Euros only come every four years and with it being against Wales it is a unique event and we expect to do well. But ultimately each individual school should make the best decision for them."

## Pedal power helps medics fight cancer



Cancer survivor Darren Hancox and his sister Nicola Hancox-Parkes with participants in at the start of the cycle ride

A GRATEFUL family have taken to their bikes to thank medical staff for helping relatives cope with cancer.

Window cleaner Darren Hancox, brother-in-law Ryan Parkes and eight friends cycled 50 miles along the canals of the Black Country to raise over £1,000 for Russells Hall Hospital and Birmingham's Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

Nicola Hancox-Parkes, 39, sister of Darren and wife of Ryan, organised the fundraiser and waved off

cyclists from the Samson and Lion pub in Brierley Hill on Saturday.

She explained: "We feared the worst when Darren was diagnosed with testicular cancer some years ago but he has made a complete recovery thanks to the doctors and nurses."

"Our father Derek survived bowel and mouth cancer for 12 years. This was against the odds but also due to the skill of those treating him. Unfortunately he died aged 72 when the mouth can-

cer returned but those extra years had been very precious."

Nicola, of Brierley Hill, added: "You hear too much about people dying from cancer and not enough about those who survive. I thought it was about time we celebrated the survivors while raising money to say thank you to the hospitals involved and assist them in helping sufferers in future." Ryan, 48, a father of two, said: "People did their bit for me when I was ill and so I am delighted to do my bit."

# On-the-spot fines tackle fly-tipping in borough

PEOPLE who fly-tip in Dudley will be forced to pay on-the-spot fines.

The council's crackdown on fly-tipping has escalated after bosses agreed to bring in new fixed penalty notices.

On-the-spot fines of up to £200 could now be dished out to 'small scale' fly-tippers after the decision by council bosses.

Cabinet member for environmental services Hilary Bills said she hoped the new fines would act as a deterrent to those who blight the borough with piles of rubbish.

Councillor Bills said: "This means that instead of having to take people to court we can now issue the fines straight away. It's helpful that we can get it done straight away."

"Whatever gets thrown on the pavement – whether it's dog doo or a fridge – it causes a cost to the council and that's a cost the council cannot really afford in these difficult financial times. It's not the council's fault people fly-tip – it's just poor behaviour."

A council report states: "This new legal power will... tackle the problem of small scale fly-tipping without the drawn out process of taking an individual to court. This will be a more rapid and cost-effective way of dealing with this type of offence, it will also work as a deterrent."

The fines follow the authority launching an innovative stencilling scheme to spray warning messages about the consequences. The warning on the pavement is not permanent, washing off over time.

## Elmfield reunion being planned

ELMFIELD School in Stourbridge is planning a reunion for former pupils in September.

The Rudolf Steiner system school offers some assistance with fees and the reunion committee are aiming to raise funds towards such assistance or bursaries.

The school originally opened in Birmingham in 1934 but moved to Stourbridge after the war, during which pupils were evacuated to Bromsgrove and Clent, and took over more buildings in Love Lane, Stourbridge, in 1962.

The reunion will be held on September 10 from 10am to 6pm.

For further information contact John Gartner via email at [Gartner452011@gmail.com](mailto:Gartner452011@gmail.com)

## Town hall concert by '80s soul singer

AMERICAN soul singer Alexander O'Neal, who had a top ten hit with Criticize in 1987, will be in concert at Dudley Town Hall on December 9.

Tickets cost from £30 to £27.50 and available from [www.dudley.gov.uk/en](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/en) entertainment or on (01384) 812812.

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# MP delays launch of combined authority

THE launch of the West Midlands Combined Authority did not go ahead as planned on Friday due to a challenge in Parliament by a Black Country MP.

The group, which is made up of Dudley, Walsall, Sandwell, Wolverhampton, Birmingham, Solihull, and Coventry councils, will eventually take control of transport, economic development, housing, skills and mental health services across the region with £8 billion of funding over 30 years.

Cannock Chase Council is signed up as a member but without full voting rights. Other non-constituent members include Telford and Wrekin, Redditch, Tamworth, Nuneaton & Bedworth.

The body's annual general meeting and official launch was scheduled today but the formation has been delayed by at least a week after it was challenged by Warley MP John Spellar in the Commons.

The WMCA is led by chief executive Martin Reeves and will see the region's first elected mayor take control of the purse strings in May 2017.

A debate in Parliament over the authority's creation will be heard this week. A meeting of the shadow authority was going ahead instead of the planned inaugural meeting in Birmingham.

The WMCA had originally been due to be established on June 1 but met paperwork delays.

● **MP says new authority is a 'trap'**  
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# Police warning on doorstep scam

CONMEN have targeted homes in Dudley, leading to a warning from police.

AWest Midlands Police after the force received 'a number of calls' in relation to a doorstep scam in the town.

Officers said a conman had knocked on doors asking to borrow money for a taxi to visit his wife in hospital. He promised to repay the money but then did not return.

Officers said the man's claims were bogus. They also appealed to anyone who has elderly relatives or neighbours to pass the message on and make sure they are aware of the scam.

Anyone with information should call police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

# Temporary lights at roadworks

DELAYS are expected on a road in Dudley due to temporary traffic lights during roadworks.

South Staffs Water will be working in Vicar Street until Monday with signals operating outside peak times.

# Garage bosses unite against thieves



Raiders at Midlands Motor Care, Lye

GARAGES across Dudley borough have lost thousands of pounds of stock during a spate of break-ins and are now planning to work together to improve security at their businesses.

More than 25 garages have been targeted in the past four months with an estimated £200,000 of equipment being stolen. No arrests have yet been made.

Some car garage owners have been forced to increase security in the wake of the thefts.

Business owner Dave Newton, a franchisee of Snap-on tools based

in Brierley Hill, estimated around £10,000 worth of gear has been stolen from each business.

He said: "At least 26 businesses who I trade with have been affected in the area.

"The thieves are waiting for garages to replenish equipment through insurance and then going back to target them again. Now all the garages are considering joining up to protect their businesses."

Mr Newton's business was burgled in March where thieves made off with around £4,000 worth of equipment.

Betts Motor Service in Netherton was targeted twice in a fortnight with thieves stealing gear worth £5,000 on May 17 and then returning to steal an estimated £10,000 worth in the second raid. Owner Robert Betts said: "I have had to increase security."

West Midlands Police spokesman Lee Page said: "We are aware of several similar break-ins at commercial properties over the last few months and investigations are into these are on-going. No arrests have been made yet. In some cases CCTV has been recovered and is being reviewed."

# GP surgery is placed into special measures

**A GP surgery has been placed into special measures following an inspection that found it was putting patients' safety at risk.**

Inspectors found no evidence that staff at Quincy Rise Surgery in Amblecote had undergone checks to see they were allowed to work with vulnerable people.

The management of medicines and record keeping were also judged to be insufficient.

The practice in Sandringham Way, which serves around 3,200 patients, has been told it must improve by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) following the inspection in which rated it as inadequate

The inspection team said it found no records that reception staff, nurses and chaperones for patients had been subject to disclosure and barring (DBS) checks, which delve into a person's background.

## Gaps

The report said: "We found many gaps in the record keeping for staff files. We viewed three staff files and additionally checked to see if disclosure and barring checks or formal risk assessments were in place for members of the team who provided a chaperone service.

"We found that risk assessments were not in place for members of the reception team who occasionally acted as chaperones; in the absence of DBS checks. We also found that the practice did not have records of DBS checks on file for the practice nurses.

"Staff we spoke with explained that DBS checks had been completed externally for the practice nurses, as they also worked at a local hospital. However, the practice did not keep records to provide evidence and assurance that DBS checks had been completed."

The health regulator saw no evidence that appropriate employment checks had been carried out, such as proof of identity and references. Holes were found in the surgery's record keeping, including staff files.

The CQC's report said the management of medicines was 'not robust to ensure patients were kept safe'.

Steve Wellings, from Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group, said: "We will work with the practice to ensure immediate action is taken to address the concerns raised. Additional support will also be given to the practice over the next six months so that we can be sure that improvements are made."



Only formal dress will do for resident glassblower Allister Malcolm at The White House Cone Museum of Glass, Stourbridge

## Furnace is lit again at historic glass site

A FURNACE erupted into life at the weekend on the site of a Black Country glass factory for the first time in 15 years.

Allister Malcolm, resident glass blower at the new White House Glass Cone Museum of Glass in Wordsley, on the site of the Stuart Crystal works, even wore a white shirt and black bow tie for the special occasion during a sneak preview before the official opening.

The 41-year-old produced the first piece of glass to be made at the new museum — a gold platter with a hint of aquamarine and a series of stripes of coloured glass with gold inclusions.

"Historically this will be very important piece and so I dressed accordingly. This is a very special place," he said

The museum has been built with £2.1 million funding from the European Development Fund and a £900,000 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The centre, supported by the British Glass Foundation, replaces Broadfield House glass museum and celebrates the area's glass industry heritage.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Info hub to help new businesses

A NEW information hub for people looking to set up their own small business will be given an official launch by the Mayor of Dudley tomorrow (Friday).

The Business Starts Here information service has been set up at Dudley's central library and has a permanent collection of business books and directories as well as offering access to courses and workshops.

Mayor Councillor Mohammed Hanif, will declare the facility open tomorrow's launch event. There is no charge to use the hub.

## Police appeal after chemicals dumped

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after chemicals were dumped by fly-tippers in the countryside near Stourbridge

An assortment of waste was left at a spot along Six Ashes Road, Bobbington, last Thursday night.

Tyres, wood, a paddling pool, a water tank leaking an unknown substance, and a number of cans with a toxic sticker attached to them were left at the site.

Fire and rescue services were also called. Call Staffordshire Police on 101 and quote reference 874 of June 9.

## Band planning a Wonder-ful gig

BLACK Country rock band The Wonder Stuff are planning a Christmas show in Birmingham.

The group fronted by Miles Hunt mark their 30th anniversary and release of eighth studio album 30 Goes Around The Sun this year. The band, whose hits included Size Of A Cow, will be supported by Bentley Rhythm Ace in concert at Birmingham's 02 Institute on December 23. Tickets go on sale tomorrow (Friday) from tick etweb.co.uk or 0844 477 2000.

## Church will be hosting summer art exhibition

A STOURBRIDGE town centre church will host Dudley Arts Council's summer art exhibition.

There will be an open night to view the paintings, sculptures and photographs in St John's Church, St John's Road, on Friday, July 1, from 7.30pm.

The exhibition will then be open over the weekend, from 12 noon to 5pm on the Saturday and 1pm to 5pm on the Sunday.

It will also open from 12 noon to 5pm on July 9 and 16.

## Debate over the EU

SEDGLEY councillor and UKIP MEP Bill Etheridge will speak for the Leave campaign and Stourbridge Conservative MP Margot James for Remain in a EU referendum debate hosted by TV presenter Bob Hall at The Wilson Hall in Cradley on Monday from 7.30pm.

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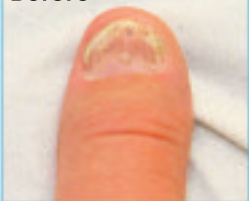
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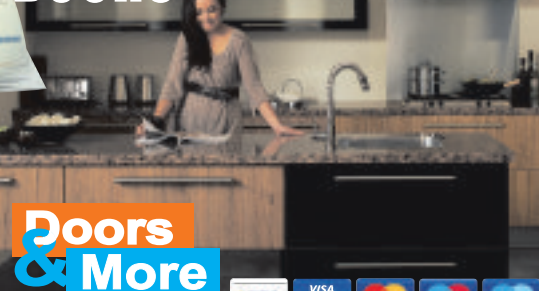
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"It is morally vital that there is no increase in the number of animals that suffer at human hands," opined one radio pundit in a debate on growing human transplant organs in pigs. In other words, if we use one pig for spare parts, we must ensure another pig is not slaughtered for pies. Carers for the 21st century: ethical pig counter.

RESEARCH by Radio 2 suggested the Queen loves to sing and is word-perfect with the songs of George Formby. Now I am unable to get rid of the mental image of Her Majesty as a young mother, soaping her children on bath night while adopting a daff Lancashire accent and belting out: "When I'm cleaning Windsors."

OUR changing language. A reader reports that his manager regularly issues memos with the instruction: "Cascade this down to all colleagues." I am delighted to maelstrom this tit-bit to my readers.

GREAT philosophers of our time. "Life itself is pretty amazing. The fact that it just changes all the time - that kind of amazes me." Sir Paul McCartney, interviewed in the Mail on Sunday.



I SAW Muhammad Ali in the 1980s when he visited Birmingham. Even then, before his Parkinson's was diagnosed, he was a slow, shambling echo of the beautiful boxer who once floated like a butterfly - a victim, possibly, of too many punches. I never expected him to live so long. In contrast, Henry Cooper, whom I interviewed in his 70s, miraculously avoided brain damage and remained a great raconteur and an imposing figure almost to the end. What especially impressed me about Cooper was that he knew I understood virtually nothing about boxing and pitched his chat accordingly with great charm, as though we were life-long friends. A gentleman.

ANOTHER of your suggestions for a term to describe those days when it's colder in the house than it is outside. A reader suggests it's a baked Alaska day.

SLOBBY Britain. A reader stopping overnight at a hotel near London was depressed rather than surprised to find a mother and her offspring queuing among other guests at the breakfast buffet, still wearing pyjamas. Any similar sightings?

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# Supermarket donation to help over-50s

A NATIONAL supermarket chain has donated more than £4,000 to fund a new project being set up by a Dudley charity.

The Morrison's Foundation donated £4,125 to Age UK Dudley's scheme, which will help people aged over 50 get together and enjoy the outdoors together.

Charity bosses said it will enable the over-50s to feel more independent and enjoy nature-based activities.

Christine Szygowski, chief executive officer, said "We are very grateful to Morrison's for the donation."

"We know that the wellbeing of people with low-level dementia and others can be enhanced by using creativity, the outdoors and nature-based activities to build social networks and help people to feel more independent."

"The project will provide a monthly session to take people out on nature walks and to green spaces with the Leap Over 50 team."

He added: "The group will be able to come back and have lunch at our health and wellbeing centre and take part in activities in the afternoon, such as art and craft workshops, talks, music, drama and reminiscing activities."

Age UK Dudley will also offer a range of weekly activities and classes such as circle dancing, talks, photography skills and a reading group.

The charity is hoping that the project will be up and running later this year.

For more information contact the charity's Leap Team (01884) 343535 or the Springboard Centre (01884) 571830.

# Engineering firm is ready to recruit 180

By Jamie Brassington

**A RECRUITMENT drive has been launched by a Hale-sowen-based engineering company to create more than 180 apprenticeships.**

Lander Automotive, Woodgate Business Park, which manufactures products for the motor vehicle industry, is aiming to recruit young people to join the company over the next two years.

Lander Automotive operations director Len Palmer said: "Their apprenticeship will initially be for 12 months and they will then have the opportunity to progress onto an 18-month second year apprenticeship, expanding the lean manufacturing and skills for operational excellence."

"Growing the business through the apprenticeship route will regenerate our workforce, bring some fresh blood into the business and address future skills shortages - creating even more job opportunities in the local community."

## Components

The company currently employs 400 people at its purpose-built engineering plant and is expanding and upskilling the workforce. A skills programme will also be set up for existing staff.

The company makes parts that are used in vehicles made by such as Jaguar, Land Rover and Nissan. These include airbag pipes and canisters along with instrument panels and chassis components.

Mr Palmer paid tribute to the history of Black Country manufacturing which will help youngsters have a good understanding of engineering. He said: "This area is traditionally rooted in the automotive industry and I am sure that many of the young people applying for apprenticeship roles with us will have a family history of working in this field."

The apprenticeship will be delivered with Sigma Group and Derby College. Those interested in applying can get in touch via the [www.apprenticeshipvacancymatchingservice.lsc.gov.uk](http://www.apprenticeshipvacancymatchingservice.lsc.gov.uk) website.

## Volunteer help is sought by hospital



Chief nurse Dawn Wardell with Chris Barron, Mark Owen and carer co-ordinator Sharon McGlynn

MORE than 100 people attended an event hosted by The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust to recruit volunteers.

The group, which runs Russells Hall Hospital, Corbett and Guest outpatient centres, is seeking public spirited individuals to help and support patients in the borough.

The event at Russells Hall Hospital was hosted by medical director Dr Paul Harrison and chief nurse Dawn Wardell.

Guests had the opportunity to speak some of the Trust's 400 volunteers and hear from members of staff about the valuable input of volunteers.

Dr Harrison said: "Our volunteers play a crucial role in helping to look after our patients and making their

experience better." Dawn Wardell added: "Anyone joining as a volunteer becomes part of the team and part of The Dudley Group family."

Volunteers should be confident and friendly people with good communication skills who feel that they may be able to assist patients and visitors.

Mike Leadbeater, who has been volunteering with the trust for 18 months, said: "I volunteer in the Emergency Department and I really feel like I am part of the team. As volunteers we are able to give the time to be a listening ear for patients and their relatives which can make a difficult experience a lot less frightening."

Anyone aged 16 and above is welcome to volunteer. Send an email to [volunteering@dgh.nhs.uk](mailto:volunteering@dgh.nhs.uk)

# Barge your way to the bar at real ale festival

A REAL ale festival will be returning this year to a new canal-side venue in Dudley - meaning drinkers can visit by boat.

Dudley Canal Trust will be holding the beer festival at the Portal from June 23 to June 26, with more than 40 real ales, ciders and wines to sample.

A shuttle boat will be running to pick up festival-goers from Tipton Railway Station at 5.30pm, and a minibus will be able to take people back at 10pm for a small charge.

Hot and cold food will be available throughout the day.

Nick Morris, Chief Executive at Dudley Canal Trust (Trips) Ltd, said: "We're really excited about holding the beer festival again this summer."

"After taking a break last year whilst our new centre was under construction, the festival is back and will be bigger and better than ever."

Zoe Harris, Heritage Activities Officer at Dudley Canal Trust, added: "The beer festival is always a fantastic event, whether you're a real ale connoisseur or not."

The festival will run from Thursday (23) at 5pm to 11pm, then 11 to 11 on the Friday and Saturday 25th, 11am to 3pm on the final day.

Entry is free to card-carrying Dudley Canal Trust and Campaign for Real Ale members. Entry for non-members is £2.50.

For more information call 0121 557 6265, or visit the Trust's website at [www.dudleycanaltrust.org.uk](http://www.dudleycanaltrust.org.uk)

## Drug-driver crash suspect arrested

A MAN has been arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of drugs after a crash in Dudley left a motorcyclist in a critical condition.

The 24-year-old male biker was taken to Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham after colliding with a car on Halesowen Road in Netherton shortly after 7am on Wednesday of last week.

Passers-by helped the rider before paramedics arrived near the junction with Northcott Road.

The A459 was closed between Saltwells Road and Cradley Road while police examined the scene.

A 28-year-old man was detained on suspicion of driving under the influence of drugs and police have appealed for any witnesses to call 101.

## NHS group ready to hold annual meeting

THE NHS Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group is holding its annual general meeting in Brierley Hill Civic Hall on July 7 runs from 5.30pm to 8.30pm.

It is responsible for planning and buying health services in the borough.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Play area at zoo gets £5k revamp

DUDLEY Zoo's young visitors can let off steam, thanks to some new play equipment. The £5,500 apparatus, created by Chester-based Creative Play UK, is located by Lion Ridge and Lemur Wood and features a toddler train and safari Jeep. There is also a noughts and crosses playboard and a whizzwheel alongside the current wooden climbing frame.

Zoo manager Matt Lewis said: "We know it will be well used as all the playgrounds across the 40-acre site are very popular."

Poems highlight the local dialect

A BOOK and DVD which has been produced as part of a project to celebrate the dialect of the Black Country will be launched next month.

The launch event for Where's Our Spake Gone? will be at Dudley Archives and Local History Centre in Tipton Road on July 2 from 1pm to 4pm.

The project received Heritage Lottery funding to record the way people speak in Tipton, Gornal, Oldbury and Cradley Heath.

Black Country poet Liz Berry will be reading her poems at the event.

Rotary Club boost for Beacon charity

A BLACK Country sight loss charity has received a cash boost thanks to a donation from a rotary club.

Sedgley and Wombourne Rotary Club raised £500 in aid of the Beacon Centre. The cash was raised at a number of events including concerts and at collections. Club president Ken Thomas said: "We are very pleased to be able to donate this cash to the Beacon Centre which does fantastic work with those living with sight loss in our community."

Football fans hoping to taste Euro Glory

A BLACK Country brewery has created a special ale for the Euro 2016 football championships.

Glory Glory goes out this week to Holden's Brewery's pubs across the Black Country.

The 4.3 per cent strength amber ale has been created at the brewery in Sedgley Road, Woodsetton.

The brewery hopes it will encourage supporters of England, Wales and Northern Ireland to watch matches in their pubs.

Last chance for art

THIS weekend marks the last opportunities to view an exhibition by one of the region's oldest art groups, at the Red House Glass Cone in Wordsley. The Easel Club was originally founded by artist Edmund Watson in 1879. The exhibition ends at 4pm on Sunday. It's free admission.

MP responds to food bank appeal with pay rise cash

DUDLEY North MP Ian Austin has donated £100 from Parliament's pay rise on donations to the Black Country Food Bank.

The Labour MP decided he would use the extra cash to help those who are struggling to make ends meet.

He is responding to an urgent appeal from the food bank, which had been experiencing shortages, particularly with breakfast cereal, rice, tinned tomatoes and toilet rolls.

The number of families relying on food banks in the Black Country has risen sharply in recent years and the MP said he was keen to do whatever he could to help.

Mr Austin said he was 'humbled' to meet the hard-working volunteers during a recent visit.

"The Black Country Food Bank has been working hard for years to support local people, but demand keeps rising," he said. "The food bank's volunteers are doing brilliant work, but they need donations of food and money to keep helping local families."

From April, MPs were given a 1.3 per cent pay rise taking their salaries to almost £75,000. That came on the back of a 10 per cent rise decided in August and backdated to the General Election.

Mr Austin said: "I wanted to help right away, so I'm making a donation from the fund I set up to donate the MPs' pay rise."

"Black Country people are the most generous in Britain, so I know local people will rally round to help the food bank."

Fair focus on apprenticeships

AN apprenticeship fair is being held to help people onto the career ladder this afternoon (Thursday).

The event, which has been organised by Dudley South MP Mike Wood, is at the Art and Design campus for Stourbridge College at The Waterfront, Brierley Hill, from 2pm to 5pm.

Mr Wood said: "I have so far organised a Jobs Fair and Pensioners Fair, both of which were extremely successful."

"With the Government making a clear commitment to promote and encourage companies to take part in its apprenticeship programme, it's important I use my position as a local MP to assist in any way I can employers, apprenticeship providers and those seeking an apprenticeship."

Dead terrier dog is found in canal

A DEAD dog has been found in a Dudley canal. The RSPCA is appealing for information after the dog's body, which had a Jack Russell Terrier appearance, was found in Netherton on Monday, June 6. Call 0300 1238018.

Anger as graves hidden by long grass



Grass has grown over graves at St John's

A CONDITIONS of a churchyard in Brierley Hill has been labelled 'disgusting and disrespectful' with graves covered in overgrown grass.

Lindsey Sharp, who regularly visits her mother's grave at St John's Church, in Brockmoor, said she had to walk through waist-high grass to get to the plot and has even cut her leg as she couldn't see a headstone beneath the overgrowth.

Reverend David Hoskin said that they were group to clear the churchyard as soon as possible.

Ms Sharp explained: "My family and I go to the churchyard every week and have done so for the last 12 months to tidy around my mother's headstone plot, lay fresh flowers and have a few moments of peace and quiet thinking of her."

"The last four weeks we have said how long the grass was getting, but each week we thought it will be cut soon, they can't let it go much longer."

"I have contacted the vicar Reverend David Hoskin, who has said that the equipment was stolen last autumn and that they are waiting for the Community Pay Back group to

be able to return the churchyard to a reasonable condition.

"We have to walk through this waist-high grass to get to the plot, and I cut my leg in two places, as I couldn't even see a gravestone beneath the overgrown grass."

Rev Hoskin, part of the Brierley Hill church team, said he had apologised to the family. He added: "We are in the process of getting a Community Payback team to deal with it. Although there is not an exact date yet, we are hoping this will be as soon as possible."

Calls for Bridgewater case to be reopened

DUDLEY North MP Ian Austin has called on Home Secretary Theresa May to reopen the investigation into the murder of Wordsley paperboy Carl Bridgewater, who died 38 years ago.

The Labour MP's intervention follows the broadcast of a Channel 4 documentary on Sunday which revealed new evidence about the murder of the 13-year-old at Yew Tree Farm, near Stourbridge, in 1978.

Speaking in the House of Commons, Mr Austin called on Home Secretary Theresa May to ask the Crown Prosecution Service and the police to review the case in light of new evidence revealed by the documentary, which was screened on Sunday.

Policing Minister Mike Penning replied that the Government would be looking at the new evidence and agreed to meet with Mr Austin to discuss the issue.

Revelations over the Bridgewater murder inquiry appear to destroy the 'cast-iron' alibi of a former chief suspect. Bert Spencer, an ambulance driver, who later served time for a murder that bore striking similarities, has always denied killing Carl Bridgewater.

The horrific shooting at point-blank range at the farmhouse at Prestwood shook the country.

Now a former hospital secretary, who provided Spencer with what was called a 'cast-iron' alibi, has admitted she cannot prove where he was for the entire day when Carl was killed.

Wife

Janet Spencer, his first wife, has also spoken on the record for the first time in almost 40 years saying she believes the police should reopen the inquiry.

The allegations were contained in the Channel 4 programme in which leading criminologist Professor David Wilson conducted a series of revealing interviews with Spencer, now aged 76.

Spencer agreed for his conversations to be filmed for the 90-minute documentary but instead of strengthening his case, the programme painted him as a manipulative liar.

Channel 4 also approached Spencer's daughter, who was friends with Carl as a child. She said that although she believed her father was innocent she thought he was holding back information.

Spencer, who was filmed in his Lincolnshire home, has rejected all the new allegations made in the programme.

Mr Austin said: "Nobody who grew up in Dudley will forget the shocking murder of 13-year-old paperboy Carl Bridgewater."



Leading criminologist Professor David Wilson, left, with former ambulance driver Bert Spencer



Police and the media at Yew Tree Farm in 1978



Child victim Carl Bridgewater

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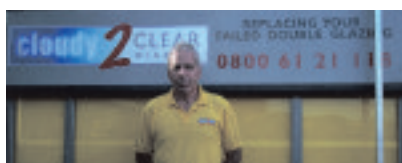
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IN MY VIEW  
with Mark Andrews

# Not voting is really not about some being lazy

FORMER Walsall Council leader Mike Bird hit out at the low turnout at last month's local elections, accusing the 70-odd per cent who did not turn out of being idle.

"There is no excuse not to vote, it is just laziness," he said. "These people will then complain at the decisions made by the administrations but I am sorry that is not how it works if you can't be bothered to get off your backside."

Two points. First of all, many of these people are not lazy, just busy. As a self-made businessman Councillor Bird should realise that not everybody works a 37-hour week.

These days many people travel a long way to work, leaving the house before the polling station opens and returning after it shuts. Some might have other things going on in their lives, such as caring for sick or elderly relatives. Under these circumstances, local politics is probably not high on the list of priorities.

But more importantly, true democracy, it is not just about having the right to vote, but also the right to not to. Yes, some people will say you should register your abstinence by driving down to the polling station and spoiling your paper, but frankly I grew out of that sort of gesture politics in my 20s.

Maybe some people are lazy. And it is perhaps unfortunate that hard-working local councillors such as Councillor Bird are tainted with the indifference that many feel towards the political leaders at Westminster.

But if you do really want to get people to take an interest in your work, and encourage them to participate in democracy, branding them as idle is probably not the best way to go about it.

IMAGINE you were still sitting on the fence about the EU referendum. You have read all the scare stories, you have heard all the bizarre stats, and sat through hours of boring debates. And after all that, you're still on the fence.

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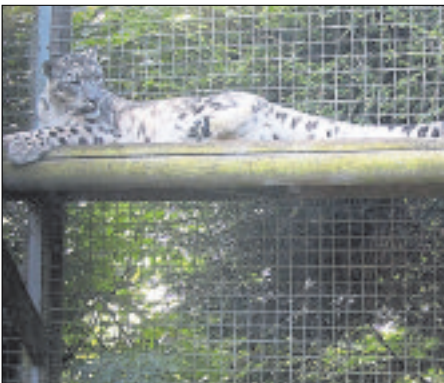
INCIDENTALLY, why all the fuss about the voter registration website crashing just before the deadline for the EU referendum?

It goes without saying that if you urge thousands of people to log onto a website it will crash. They always do.

But unless I have misunderstood the process completely, it is a legal requirement to be correctly listed on the electoral role. If people can't be bothered to comply with the law for the rest of the year, can they really complain if they miss out?



New snow leopard cub Milo will get round-the-clock care



Nanga relaxing in the sunshine on her high deck



Dudley Zoo staff are devastated by the sudden death

# Tragic death of zoo snow leopard Nanga

Staff devastated about losing one of the attraction's best-loved creatures, as DAVID COSGROVE reports

**SHE wowed visitors to Dudley Zoo for six years with her beauty and grace.**

But snow leopard Nanga was sadly unable to survive after giving birth to her third cub, Milo, on Monday.

Staff and visitors have been left saddened by the news, which takes away one of the attraction's best loved creatures. Her cub Milo will now be hand-reared and given round-the-clock care.

Nanga, who turned seven last week, was a particular favourite with big cat keepers and visitors and had lots of adopters.

She came to Dudley Zoo from the Czech Republic in 2010 as part of an international breeding programme, where she was paired with Margaash, who moved to the Black Country from Banham Zoo in Norfolk.

They had their first cub, a girl called Nidara, in July 2013, but she unfortunately passed away at 11 weeks old.

## Relationship

Nidara was the first leopard to be born at the attraction since 2001.

Their second cub, Makalu, is now two and is getting ready to move to Darjeeling Zoo in India – the native home for the species – at the end of June. The move is expected to go ahead as planned.

Dudley Council's deputy leader Judy Foster said she was saddened by Nanga's loss and offered her condolences to the zoo and its staff.

She said: "It is really sad to hear the news of her passing, especially after she lost a cub herself in the past.

"All we can do now is hope that the cub that she gave birth to is healthy and survives and her line continues.

"It's so sad because Nanga was very popular with visitors.



Seven year-old Snow Leopard Nanga died from complications due to labour

"We can only wish the zoo our commiserations, particularly to the staff who obviously have a very close relationship with the animals. "I also want to wish the cub well."

The snow leopard is native to the mountain ranges of Central Asia. They live between 3,000 and 5,500 metres above sea level on rocky mountain slopes.

Snow leopards show several adaptations for living in a cold mountainous environment. Their bodies are stocky, their fur is thick, their ears are small and rounded, all of which help to prevent excess heat loss.

Their paws are wide and this helps distribute their weight when walking on snow.

The feet also have fur on their soles to in-

crease their grip on steep and unstable surfaces, and this also helps to minimise heat loss.

Snow leopards' tails are long and flexible, helping them to maintain their balance in the rocky terrain they inhabit.

## Treatment

Nanga had 20 adopters – they're all being offered the chance to swap their adoption for Margaash, the adult male snow leopard, or another animal on the zoo.

Nanga's death follows the loss of another popular zoo star, female giraffe Mia, back in December. The 11-year-old died after sustaining a fractured leg. Zoo director Derek Grove said: "Mia had been receiving regular veteri-

nary treatment for her legs, unfortunately the fracture was inoperable."

Mia moved to the zoo in 2011 from Norfolk and gave birth to her calf, Kito in February 2014. Kito is fully weaned and independent from his mother and remains in the paddock with his dad, Kubwa and auntie, Josie.

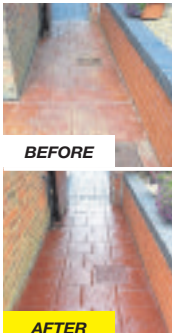
Back in May, we revealed how the zoo's trio of snow leopards were being studied for a university investigation.

Staffordshire University student Paige Griffiths, aged 20, was aiming to spend 100 hours observing how Margaash, Nanga and Makalu interact with different enrichment smells added to the enclosure such as cinnamon or sheep bedding scent.

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# Pensioners are being hit hardest

I AM writing as a recently retired pensioner of some 18 months.

Why is it this Government thinks it is okay to run a two-tier pensions system? Anyone retiring last year having earned the maximum years working credits can expect to receive around £550 every four weeks. Anyone retiring in the next few years will get £840 every four weeks. How can that be fair?

The Government had the cheek to put on the news that if we leave Europe we pensioners will be £137 per year worse off (they

are already robbing us blind). Remember this come voting day in a couple of years.

I expect if we stay in Europe the flood-gates will open for all and sundry, mainly from Turkey and Spain, who will no doubt receive housing, food and benefits.

Why not look after the people who have worked all their lives and deserve a reasonable standard of living.

Come on you pensioners, liven up and badger your MPs. I have.

**S LANE**  
Stourbridge

# Hero Ali was my greatest!

ON hearing the sad news of Muhammad Ali's death, it reminded me of the time he came to Dudley to open a tyre place on Hall Street.

I think it was 1982/1983 and I went to meet him with my two-year-old daughter Martina Maxwell.

As soon as he saw her he lifted her out of my arms and took her with him into the building, of course his entourage let me follow, and I was first in line to have his autograph, a chat and a kiss! He was so lovely and courteous, a true gentleman, not to mention how handsome he was!

I count myself privileged and honoured to have met him, and never stop reminding my daughter (even though she's now 36), how lucky she was to have met and been picked up and pampered by such a hero.

**J JONES**  
Gornal Wood

# Get heads out of the sand

I DESPAIR at the thought of the people in their 'ivory towers' running this country, who cannot see that desperate people will try anything to get into this country whether it's for a better life or to destroy our way of life.

There are people patrolling the ports but not the surrounding coast line. What do we pay these people to sit on their backsides?

When are they going to realise this country is at 'war' whether we like it or not. Heads in the sand is not the answer.

**B LAWLEY**  
Bilston

# EU nations will still need us

IF we leave the EU will the Germans, French and Italians refuse to sell us their cars?

Of course they won't. Will the Spaniards cease their involvement in our banks, France sell their stake in our utilities and give up their attempt to sell us dodgy reactors and will Deutsche Bahn withdraw from running large sections of our railways and public transport?

Of course they won't. It is essential to these European economies that the UK remains prosperous so we can buy their goods.

He has not yet said so but I am sure, shortly, Mr Cameron will tell us that the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse have been in touch and say we should stay.

If we leave, nothing much will change in our day to day lives but we will be free of the European yoke and able to chart our own destiny, free from a Europe which is an economic and cultural time bomb.

**B OSBORNE**  
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# The impact of Brexit on manufacturing

WITH 37 years experience in the manufacture and supply of goods to Europe it concerns me that contributors to your letters page rarely mention manufacturing with reference to Brexit.

In pre-EU days it was not viable for small manufacturers to export to Europe, due to large amounts of paperwork and heavy tariffs on the goods. Since the emergence of the EU it is possible to export to them using a single invoice.

Our own European sales increased over a number of years to an annual 52 per cent of output.

It may be possible as 'Outers' suggest to still trade with Europe, however their terms are already established.

The choice as happens with Switzerland and Norway is to pay large sums of money and accept free movement of EU nationals across their borders.

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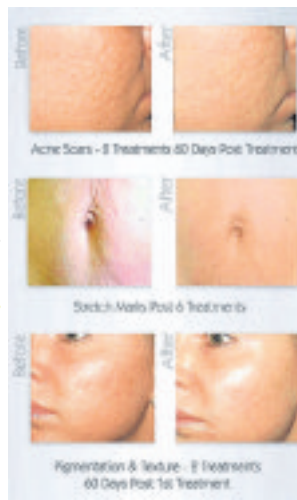
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A symbol of the D-Day landings – Pegasus Bridge, which carried Allies into Caen



An aerial photo which shows the three Horsa gliders



Two of the three gliders in the 1944 operation. Picture from Imperial War Museum

# Den – first to fall, but forever a war hero who led from the front on D-Day

HE led the greatest invasion of all time and will be forever remembered as its first casualty.

Black Country officer Den Brotheridge headed the charge across Pegasus Bridge in the early hours of June 6, 1944, at the start of the D-Day assault which was to lead to the liberation of north-west Europe from Nazi control.

The bridge was captured within minutes but the 29-year-old soldier from Smethwick was shot in the neck, becoming the first Allied fatality of D-Day.

Some 72 years on, on that fateful date, June 6, last week, he and the 150,000 other servicemen who took part in the invasion were being remembered.

Lieutenant Brotheridge landed in one of three large Horsa gliders containing soldiers of the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, at precisely 16 minutes past midnight just feet away from the bridge over the Caen Canal, ahead of the large-scale invasion.

## MEMORY LANE

By Marion Brennan

A weights and measures inspector by profession, he also played football for Aston Villa Colts and cricket for Mitchells & Butlers, Smethwick. Back home, his wife Maggie was eight months pregnant with their first child.

He was chosen to command 'D' Company's 25 Platoon, 6th Airborne Division, by Major John Howard. The original plan had been for Lt David Wood to lead the first platoon but shortly before D-Day, Howard changed the order of landing and Brotheridge was selected for the job.

His glider, also carrying the major, landed 50ft from Bénouville Bridge, later renamed Pegasus in honour of the operation. The aircraft skidded to an abrupt halt on landing, with the force rendering all of the passengers momentarily unconscious.

The platoon quickly recovered and Lt Brotheridge led them across the bridge, rap-

idly dealing with any enemy they encountered. Reaching the other side, he dropped a grenade into a machine-gun post but seconds later he was shot and fell, mortally wounded.

Just 15 minutes after the landing, the code signal 'Ham and Jam' was being broadcast back to Britain to say the bridge and the Gondree Cafe, on the opposite side of the canal, were captured – the first part of occupied France to be taken on D-Day.

Major Howard later wrote of the news of his commander's fate: "It really shook me because it was Den, and how much of a friend he was, and because my leading platoon was now without an officer. At the top of my mind was the fact that I knew Margaret, his wife, was expecting a baby almost any time."

Denis Edwards, No.25 Platoon's sniper, wrote: "Every one of us was really distressed that Lt Brotheridge should have been killed in that way at the very start of our mission. He was a man for whom we had the greatest respect. Like all our Air-

borne officers, he had never asked us to do anything that he would not do himself."

On June 6, 1994, Major Howard returned to the scene to mark the 50th anniversary of D-Day. Then aged 81, he recalled his friend and former colleague.

He then reached into his pocket and produced the whistle he used that night to blast out the V for victory signal. Lt Brotheridge's body now lies in the War Cemetery in Ranville churchyard, near Caen. He was mentioned in dispatches, published in the London Gazette on September 28, 1944. The citation read: "Lt Brotheridge showed the highest qualities of leadership and bravery and his outstanding example and dash was responsible for getting his men across and seizing the bridge intact – a vital factor in the success of the airborne plan."

His widow Maggie gave birth to their daughter, Margaret, 19 days after his death. She also attended the anniversary memorial service in Caen to remember her father and, the following year, unveiled a plaque in his honour at Smethwick Council House.



Hero – Lieutenant Den Brotheridge, in his uniform

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Poppies turn countryside bright red



Sea of red – Poppies in fields near Kingswinford and Wall Heath Picture: Barry Jones

THIS stunning view of bright red poppies was captured after they erupted into bloom across a field on the edge of Kingswinford.

June is the time of year when the iconic flower blossoms in England, turning fields into seas of red.

And this was a particularly wonderful display of the flowers in full bloom was photographed in a field between Kidderminster Road, Lodge Lane and Swindon Road. The flowers can be seen stretching across the fields.

Poppies have long been a symbol of peace and the red-flowered corn poppy is used as a symbol for remembrance after the poppies were the first flowers to bloom on the former battlefields of Flanders after the First World War.

Penalty points trick failed

A DELIVERY driver's bid to avoid getting penalty points backfired but he was spared prison when his custodial sentence was suspended.

Matthew Perry was caught by a camera doing 41 mph in a 30 limit at the wheel of his firm's truck in Nuneaton on October 25.

The notice of prosecution reached the 47-year-old via his employer on December 15 but when it was returned to the authorities on January 8 it named another man who allegedly lived in Smethwick as the driver, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

The address alerted officials because it had been used in several attempts at fraud, revealed Mr Howard Searle, prosecuting. Police launched an investigation which led back to the defendant who admitted paying a man in a pub £130 to make the ticket 'go away'.

Perry from Fenton Street, Dudley, who was of previous good character and represented himself, told the court: "I just want to apologise for my actions. I knew from day one that I had done the wrong thing." He pleaded guilty to attempting to pervert the course of justice and was given a two-month prison sentence suspended for a year.

Judge James Burbidge QC told him: "This kind of offence strikes at the heart of justice and normally ends in custody for the person responsible. But you have admitted the offence, tried to make amends and were of good character, so the term can be suspended."

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# OAP left badly injured as yob lobs brick at taxi

THIS is the sickening sight of a pensioner's badly bruised and battered face after she was struck by a brick hurled through the window of a taxi.

In dramatic video footage the woman, who was sitting in the back of the cab, is heard to cry out in pain and shock. Her elderly husband tries to stem the blood from her head wound with a handkerchief after the missile fractured her skull.

West Midlands Police say the attack, in the Birmingham area, was one of seven similar incidents on the same night in May.

The swift action of the cab driver, from Dudley, who drove the couple straight to hospital has been praised.

The video footage has been posted on the Dudley Private Hire and Taxi Association's Facebook page to publicise the dangers being faced by drivers and passengers due to yobs.

## Shatters

In the attack, which happened on May 25, the couple are seen to duck as the brick shatters the taxi window before striking the woman passenger, in her 70s, who is not being named.

The driver tries to calm the pair as he speaks to the emergency services on his phone and offers to take them straight to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

Shaz Saleem, chairman of the Dudley Private Hire and Taxi Association, said: "This was a disgusting attack but I am not surprised by it. This is a nationwide issue.

"If anything, it's worse in Dudley. In parts of the area, such as the Wrens Nest and down by Parkes Hall, it happens a lot.

"In Stourbridge recently drivers have reported stones and eggs being thrown at their cabs. An egg might not seem harmful but you can't get it off



The shattered taxi window



The woman's horrific injuries



The elderly couple recoil in terror as the brick smashes through the window with windscreen wipers, it blurs your vision and is really dangerous."

He said the 600-member association was in talks with Dudley Council for permission to get CCTV put in all their cabs.

"We have been telling people for years about the dangers we face as taxi drivers but this is the first time we've had footage to back up what we've

been saying," said the cabbies' leader. The driver did not want to be named. The attack happened at around 10pm in Yardley.

Detective Constable Chris Paintin from Force CID, said: "This incident is not an accident and clearly shows little regard for the safety of road users."

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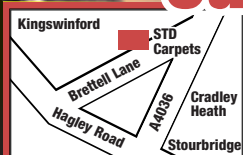
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Gillian Bardsley said "Whilst my book is about Longbridge and Austin, it is not all dry facts about cars. It is packed full of fascinating photos that capture the social history of the time, and take you back to the fashion, technology and advertising of the day".

The book, published by the History Press, is available at £17.99 online from the museum's website.

## Brexit banner on eyesore building



The huge Brexit banner on Dudley's Cavendish House

THOUSANDS of motorists passing Dudley were greeted by a huge Vote Leave banner which had been hung from the soon to be demolished Cavendish House office block.

Campaigners took it upon themselves to get their message across by hanging the huge banner on the side of the building ahead of the EU referendum on June 23.

Cavendish House is currently empty as it awaits demolition.

The eyesore building overlooks Duncan Edwards Way, meaning the banner was seen by thousands of drivers passing, who were encouraged to 'take control' and vote for Brexit.

The banner became a big talking point across Dudley as it was posted by on various social media sites.

The dilapidated seven-storey building, which campaigners say has blighted the town centre for years, will be torn down to make way for a major £50 million development.

It was once home to offices for the Inland Revenue. The site off Trindle Road will be redeveloped creating homes, restaurants and shops in the new Portersfield development.

## Former firefighter was band fundraiser

TRIBUTES have been paid to a Dudley firefighter who has died after a brave battle with cancer.

Dave Reeves MBE, aged 73, was a member of the West Midlands Fire Service for more than 25 years.

He also organised numerous charity events and was a founding member of the West Midlands Fire Service Band.

His daughter, Mandy Merrick, said: "He was an amazing man and outstanding fire officer."

"During his years in the service he formed the West Midlands Fire Service Band, which he was incredibly passionate about, and with them he raised hundreds of thousands of pounds for charity."

"On one occasion, he got the band to play day and night at what was the old NEC, tirelessly collecting money for Muscular Dystrophy, and earning the band a place in the Guinness Book of Records. The band is still playing and raising money, which is great legacy to him."

# Kitchen worker plotted to rob pub manager of takings

**FOUR men have been put behind bars after a pub manager was attacked in broad daylight as she took the day's takings to a post office.**

Among the gang was 25-year-old Kieran Chana, who worked in the kitchen at the Pheasant Inn in Abbey Road, Oldbury, at the time of the attack.

Police described Chana as 'the mastermind' of the plot.

Two men struck as Bethany Jones crossed nearby Pottery Road on her way to deposit the cash at around

2.15pm on October 27. She was kicked and punched to the ground as they took a bag containing £2,930. Robert Brady-Ward and Colin Talbot delivered blows to her face as well as kicks to her body as she lay on the ground. They then raced to a waiting Volkswagen Polo driven by Ayden Cash.

Suspicion was raised when Chana, of Eva Road, Oldbury, was seen on his phone outside the pub during the attack. Officers arrested him the next day. They found keys in his possession for a car with the same registration number as that spotted at the scene.

A search of the vehicle revealed several

bags of purchases from JD Sports in Merry Hill. CCTV from that store showed the group using large quantities of £20 notes to buy items.

Chana, Brady-Ward, 25, Talbot, 24, and Cash, 20, were sentenced at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

Talbot and Cash, both of Holland Avenue, Oldbury, and Brady-Ward, of no fixed address, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to rob. Chana denied the same charge but was convicted in May after a trial. Last week he was sentenced to five-and-a-half years with Cash given three years, Talbot four years and Brady-Ward three years and eight months.



Ringleader Kieran Chana

## MP concerned on dental health

A BLACK Country MP has written to the Health Secretary urging him to make sure dentists have the resources to improve public awareness on tooth decay.

Ian Austin, Dudley North MP, wrote to Jeremy Hunt after new statistics from Public Health England showed children in Dudley are two and a half more times likely to get tooth decay than Mr Hunt's constituency in Surrey. The All-Party Parliamentary Group for Dentistry and Oral Health has called on the Government to address the growing gap between parts of the UK on children's dental health.

Labour MP Mr Austin said: "We need to make sure that every penny of NHS spending goes where it's needed most, so it's important that preventable problems like tooth decay are taken seriously. Places like Dudley are falling behind on kids' dental health."

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## Poem tells of visit to the palace

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AFTER greeting all of those present at the May meeting, chairman Vera Wright set a topical flavour to the meeting by reading her own poem 'Reflections on our visit to Buckingham Palace'. 'To London to see the Queen', read in Vera's own amusing style. The poem explained that although they didn't succeed in seeing the Queen a great time was had by all.

The meeting continued in the usual way, with the reading and signing of last month's minutes and reading of the treasurer's report.

Vera Raybould gave information on her recent federation meeting, and social secretary Margaret Writtle on the arranged visit to the Carpet Factory, Kidderminster.

A visit is also arranged to take 'afternoon tea' at Dunsley Hall, this on June 25. The birthday lunch at The Granary was reported to have been most successful. This was Quarry Bank Guild's 50th anniversary, the guild membership still including two original founders, Margaret Writtle and Gwen Rowley.

Margaret Bunn had provided a most impressive birthday cake.

The next activity was a quiz presented by Vera Raybould. This was again quite topical as it concerned mostly currency from before decimalisation.

The ladies were then encouraged to visit the sales table to browse and look for bargains, concluding a an enjoyable 'do it ourselves' evening.

## Expert put to test with question time



Question Time was chaired by Philip Aubrey, formerly of Birmingham Botanical Gardens  
Clent Gardening Club

THE second Friday in May saw around 30 members enjoy an evening visit to the garden at Pear Tree Cottage in Wichenford. Set in the midst of glorious Worcestershire countryside this English country garden contains many interesting and quirky features and provided much food for thought.

The evening was rounded off in very satisfactory fashion with tea, coffee and helpings of home-made cake.

The normal monthly meeting in May was the annual joint meeting with Belbroughton Horticultural Society and for the second year running comprised a Gardeners Question Time chaired by Philip Aubrey the now retired former director of the Birmingham

Botanical Gardens. Assisted by both clubs' chairmen, a lively evening was enjoyed with many questions arising from the floor and Philip's expertise was put to the test on a variety of gardening topics.

The evening was rounded off with tea and coffee and a splendid array of home-made cakes provided by the Clent club members.

After the raffle, the Clent chairman reminded his members of another evening garden visit, this time to The Cheryls at Button Oak near Bewdley.

## Crystal clear with glass history

Kingswinford Ladies Social Circle

THE ladies met on June 2 at The Royal British Legion and were welcomed by acting chairman Ann Cooper.

Apologies were received, and the secretary and treasurer's report read, approved and signed.

A trip to Trentham Gardens has been arranged for November 10.

Sheila then also welcomed

the speaker Dr Kate Round who was to talk about the glass making industry in Stourbridge. She said at one time there were 30 glass-works in the so-called Crystal Mile. Sadly, few remain. When the Broadfield House Glass Museum

opened it had 2,000 pieces but at its closure it had 10,000. These will be displayed when the new White House Cone Museum opens later this year along with a copy of the famous Portland vase and other historical items.

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# Special Sergeant over the Moon with his double life

FROM pounding the streets to jetting off to Barbados a police sergeant has spoken of his unusual second life – being a pilot.

Wolverhampton-born Andy Moon could fly a plane before driving a car.

The 32-year-old Special Sergeant had dreamt of being a pilot since he was a seven having being allowed to visit the flight deck on a family holiday.

But with policing in his blood, thanks to father Roger who served for more than three decades as an officer, Andy found himself following in his footsteps. Yet somehow he has managed to maintain both professions.

He learnt to fly at Halfpenny Green Airport, Wolverhampton and obtained his Private Pilots Licence at the age of 17 before he could operate a car. Since then he has clocked up more than 3,000 hours of airtime, recently flying to Las Vegas, Miami, Cancun, Barbados and Antigua.

In 2014 Andy was entrusted to de-



Andy flying the commonwealth baton to the Falkland Islands in 2014



Special Sergeant Andy Moon as he prepares to go out on patrol

liver the Commonwealth baton to the Falkland Islands in the build-up to the Glasgow Commonwealth Games. But he revealed the jet-set lifestyle is not what it is cracked up to be.

"The best thing about the job is the views," he said. "Coming back from Vegas we took a far north flight path which allowed us to see the Northern

Lights for three hours while crossing the North Atlantic. "But the worst part has to be the jet lag. Just as you are recovering it is time for your body clock to become messed up again. The long period of times away from loved ones and friends can be very difficult at times."

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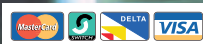
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## Rise in attacks on ambulance staff

ATTACKS on West Midlands Ambulance Service staff attending 999 calls are on the rise, new figures have revealed.

Workers reported a total of 760 physical and verbal assaults between April 2015 and the end of March this year.

Ambulance chiefs say they are 'extremely disappointed' that crews are being attacked 'at the hands of people they are trying to help'.

The figures show an increase of 23 per cent on the previous year when 617 incidents were logged.

During the 12 months, 49 people have been prosecuted for their actions while a further 40 have been sent warning letters over their behaviour.

Out of those written to, three people replied offering verbal apologies saying it was not their normal behaviour and one person submitted a complaint.

# More than twice as many pupils caught with weapons

**THE number of children found with weapons at school in the West Midlands has more than doubled in just two years.**

There were 64 children caught with a knife or other offensive weapons in 2015 – up from 18 in 2013, according to figures released by police.

Of those caught last year, one was only nine years old and two ten-year-olds were found with a weapon.

A child took a hammer to school

in 2015, while another was caught with a screwdriver in 2014.

There were 15 kitchen knives recovered from pupils in 2015, one more than the year before.

Another pupil in the region had a ball bearing gun at school last year and there were four knuckledusters found.

In November 2015 alone, 13 children were caught with weapons at school, a Freedom of Information request from West Midlands Police showed. In March this year it was reported an 11-year-old boy was stabbed in the leg at Moseley Park School, Wolverhampton. Executive

headteacher Georgetta Holloway said it was an "isolated incident". The victim was injured with a blade from a pencil sharpener.

### Posters

Two months earlier police were told of a fight at St Edmund's Catholic Academy in the city, during which a boy was said to have a small kitchen knife.

Earlier this year West Midlands Police launched a campaign with posters urging parents of teenaged boys to be aware that their sons could be carrying knives and running the risk of being sent to prison,

being badly injured or even killed. It included the image of a mother at her son's funeral.

The force's lead for knife crime Detective Chief Inspector Ian Parnell said: "During the last decade we have worked hard on campaigns and operations to reduce knife crime across the West Midlands."

"There is never any excuse to carry a weapon, whether it's at a school or any other public place."

"As part of our educational campaigns we have ploughed resources into telling youngsters about the dangers of and consequences of carrying a knife."

## In or out debate as MPs talk EU

THREE Black Country MPs are due to take part in a European Union referendum debate in Dudley tomorrow night (Friday).

The event will take place at High Ardal School in Sedgley at 7pm. It will feature Wolverhampton South East MP Pat McFadden, Dudley South MP Mike Wood and has been organised by Ian Austin MP, who represents Dudley North.

He said: "It's a massive decision. Chatting to people in Dudley these past few weeks I've been struck by how frustrated people are with the lack of proper debate and clear answers."

"People tell me they need to hear all the facts and weigh up the arguments before making up their minds. That's why I'm organising Dudley's EU referendum debate, so local people can hear both sides of the argument in a serious, balanced debate."

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## Charity boosted as golfers club together



Roy and Barbara Hayden receive the Nationwide cheque from employee of the year Jessica Aulak

STARS from film and football have helped a Kidderminster family smash their £150,000 fundraising barrier for Cure Leukaemia at a golf day held in memory of their son.

The tenth annual Stephen Hayden charity golf day, organised by his father Roy, mother Barbara and sister Amanda, raised £15,000 for the blood cancer charity, a figure beyond the family's "wildest dreams".

Harry Potter star James Phelps, who played Fred Weasley, Hagley-raised broadcaster Adrian Chiles, ex-Wolves footballers Geoff Thomas and David Kelly and former West Bromwich Albion coaches Richard O'Kelly and Colin Addison played in the Stableford contest at Wharton Park Golf & Country Club at Bewdley.

The Haydens, of Chester Road North, began fundraising for the charity in 2006 after Stephen lost his battle against acute myeloid leukaemia aged 26. Proceeds takes their decade-long fundraising to £155,000 and were boosted by Nationwide Building Society donating £5,000. The Haydens were nominated for the sum by Nationwide's Employee of the Year Jessica Aulak, from Dudley.

## Website lie proves costly for gardener

A GARDENER who lied about membership of an approved traders' scheme has been ordered to pay more than £3,500.

Danny Riley, trading as Bill and Ben The Garden Men, The Landscape Garden Company, The Landscape Men Limited and Outdoor Landscape Services Limited, claimed to be part of a landscaping and paving approved contractors' scheme when he wasn't. Riley, of Redhill Avenue, Wombourne, carried out work for a Stourbridge resident who was dissatisfied and complained to trading standards, who discovered he was making the false claim on his website, plus a further false claim of membership of another approved scheme.

The 28-year-old pleaded guilty to three offences under the Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations at Dudley Magistrates Court. He was handed a 12-month community order, 220 hours unpaid work, and told to repay the customer £2,500 and £1,048 costs to Dudley Council.



A vibrant collage of local scenes from Wigan, including the Wigan Pier, the Wigan Pier Museum, the Wigan Pier Shopping Centre, and the Wigan Pier Market. The collage features various buildings, streets, and landmarks, all set against a background of a blue sky with clouds. The text "Living AND SHOPPING In Your Local Area" is prominently displayed in a stylized font.

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# £3m bid to boost hospice service

## ADVERTISING FEATURE

**THE Mary Stevens Hospice is appealing to their community to help them raise £3 million for a total modernisation of the Day Services Unit.**

It would enable the hospice to increase the number of people they are able to help by more than 3,500.

Since the day unit opened in 1991, the Mary Stevens Hospice has provided respite and treatment to people and families living with life-limiting illnesses in Dudley borough, 9-5 Monday-Friday.

The hospice is now running at 100 per cent capacity, which has prompted the ambitious plan for a brand new building.

It currently costs £2.9m a year to keep the hospice open, although they receive 18 per cent funding from the Government. The remaining £2.5 million is raised every year through the generosity of the local community.

If able to raise the extra £3m they need this year, they will be able to totally refurbish the current unit, which will enable them to stay open seven days a week and give them the capacity to help more than 3,500 more families in the local area.

Included in the development will be new treatment rooms, state-of-the-art new equipment, improved child bereavement and consultation facilities, improved education and training facilities. There would also be a fully-equipped family apartment, so families have the opportunity to stay at the hospice during a time when they would not wish to be separated from the loved one.



An artist's impression of the new Day Services Unit at Mary Stevens Hospice

It will also allow the team at the hospice to perform urgent and vital procedures which would previously have had to be done in hospital, such as blood transfusions.

This development will be the biggest project ever undertaken at the hospice, and follows the success of investing £1m in the in-patient unit in 2014 to improve the quality of care at the 10-bed residential unit.

If you would like to donate towards the £3.5million appeal, then you can do so online at [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mshcapitalappeal](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mshcapitalappeal)

To find out more about the campaign, call the fundraising office on (01384) 377778 or email [Info@mshfundraising.co.uk](mailto:Info@mshfundraising.co.uk). The hospice - website [www.marystevenshospice.co.uk](http://www.marystevenshospice.co.uk) - is at 221 Hagley Road, Oldswinford.

The hospice has raised more than £50,000 through their Big Summer Draw, which offers Hospice supporters the opportunity to win prizes of up to £5,000. Meanwhile, Stourbridge Dental & Implant Clinic is running a Facebook campaign to raise money for hospice. For every new like their Facebook page receives in June, they donate £1.

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# Ryemarket to keep the town blooming

## ADVERTISING FEATURE

**THE Ryemarket Shopping Centre in Stourbridge is backing the community and providing a variety of free family entertainments this summer.**

Located in the heart of the town, The Ryemarket has a diverse range of nearly 30 stores with ample nearby car parking and supermarket Waitrose as its main anchor, alongside other top high street brands and independent traders. With the backing of manager Kelley Dyas, the shopping centre works closely with and supports many community groups and organisations.

For example, with the Stourbridge entry to the 2016 Heart of England In Bloom competition being withdrawn due to lack of council funding, the centre is stepping in to support efforts and raise funds for entry next year.

The centre is continuing its own campaign to brighten up at least part of the town this summer with hanging basket displays and will plant the large planters on the corner of Talbot Street and the repainted planters in Fountain Square. Kelley said: "We did not want to see all the years of hard work and gold In Bloom awards for the town stop, so we are creating some beautiful sunflower displays in the centre near Costa Coffee and BrightHouse and have organised a collection pot for our customers to be able to donate any loose change towards the town's 2017 In Bloom entry.



Relax with a coffee during a shopping visit to The Ryemarket in Stourbridge

"We have quite a lot to raise but every little bit helps and we hope the public will give what they can. We'll be holding various fundraising activities throughout the year and would love to hear from any local groups that wish to help us raise money."

The Ryemarket is also helping to reduce town centre crime. It is among the first premises to sign up to a police's new Facewatch scheme. This web-based crime-reporting tool helps police officers by allowing shopkeepers to share information on possible troublemakers. Information can be shared in an instant, allowing Facewatch members to warn other town centre shops and the police about causes for concern.

As well as national high street brands such as Peacocks Poundland, Home Bargains, BrightHouse, Boots, WH Smith Iceland, Thomas Cook, Holland and Barrett, and others, The Ryemarket

is home to local independents such as Jewellery Inspired and Morn 'n' Co cakes.

The latest addition is one of the UK's top coffee shops Coffee#1 which has moved into the former Dorothy Perkins shop in Fountain Square, joining Costa Coffee as a favourite venue for customers to take a break.

The Ryemarket is also home to a 24-hour Pump Gym, which has a huge range of cardio and strength equipment which members can access seven days a week.

The Ryemarket is also a favourite venue for children's entertainment during holidays.

Free Fun Fridays have been a firm favourite including appearances by the centre's mascot character Ryley Mouse. This year's programme will include magic, stilt walking and balloon modelling on August 5 and 16, and facepainting on August 12 and 26.

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**THE arrival of the Tesco superstore in the Crown Centre brought a fresh look to Stourbridge town centre.**

The shop, alongside a car park and other commercial units, is part of a £50 million shopping centre created when a multi-storey car park was torn down in 2012.

The town, which also boasts The Ryemarket shopping centre plus a vibrant High Street, has proven up to the task of facing the challenge from the nearby Merry Hill shopping centre.

Stourbridge Town Hall, The River Rooms venue, and a thriving pub and restaurant scene means that Stourbridge is a rewarding destination for entertainment or a night out.

Comedy fans head for the Fitz of Laughter comedy nights hosted by Black Country comic Wayne Beese at the pub Katie Fitzgerald's.

The town hall hosts the Stourbridge Beer Festival annually, which has become a key date in the town's calendar during spring, as has the increasingly popular whisky festival.

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# Veterans' medals will be 'forgotten war' reminder

VETERANS from the 'forgotten war' in Korea have presented Wolverhampton with three medals to help ensure that the conflict is remembered by future generations.

Almost 100,000 British troops fought in the Korean War between 1950 and 1953 and more than 1,000 were killed. But many of those who served feel the conflict lacks of public attention as it has been dwarfed by memories of the preceding Second World War and the subsequent conflict in Vietnam.

The war broke out when Communist North Koreans invaded South Korea with the backing of Mao's China and Stalin's Soviet Russia.

Last week members of the Wolverhampton branch of the British Korean Veterans Association handed a Korean Medal, a United Nations Service Medal for Korea and an Ambassador for Peace Medal to the Mayor of Wolverhampton, Councillor Barry Findlay. The medals will be displayed in the mayoral suite at the city's Civic Centre.

Branch chairman Len Flavell said: "The Korean War has always been known as the forgotten war. It was always felt that it was a foreign conflict."

"The war must be remembered and those medals will be here forever. Hopefully they will be seen by children and their families who will then want to know more about it."

Mr Flavell, of Coseley, served in the Army's catering corps in Korea in 1954 and 1955.

The 80-year-old travelled back to South Korea in 2013 and is frustrated that Korea remains divided more than 60 years later.



Mr Flavell hands the medals to Wolverhampton Mayor Barry Findlay flanked by Korean War veterans

# Americans buy alloy wheel family firm

ONE of the Black Country's leading manufacturing firms, which employs 230, has been bought by American investors in a multi-million pound deal.

The price tag on the takeover of West Bromwich-based Rimstock, which makes forged and cast alloy wheels, has not been revealed but the new owners are promising major investment and growth for the future.

Rimstock chief executive and managing director Stephen Lane remains at the head of the company with a new executive chairman, British entrepreneur David Roberts. Rimstock's founder Steve Neal has sold the business but will remain as a consultant, while his son Matt, the racing driver and former marketing director, will be retained as a brand ambassador.

Matt said: "It's a bit bittersweet for my father. He has put his heart and soul into the business. He is 75 in October and Rimstock is the reason he gets up in the morning but the company needed substantial investment. It was an offer we couldn't really refuse."

The company employs 230, mostly at its Ridgacre Road factory, and turns over nearly £17 million a year.

# Combined authority move could be a 'trap'

THE creation of the West Midlands Combined Authority could lead to a return to the poll tax, a Black Country MP has warned.

Warley MP John Spellar told a Westminster committee he was concerned that plans for the combined authority were being 'rushed through' and that calculating a fair funding method was one of a number of issues that needed to be addressed as a matter of urgency.



Warning - John Spellar MP

The Labour MP described the devolution deal as 'a bribe' used to force through Chancellor George Osborne's 'political project'.

Funding for the authority, which includes all of the Black Country including Dudley and Wolverhampton, Birmingham, Coventry and parts of Shropshire and Warwickshire, is set to be based on the total resident population.

Mr Spellar said: "It will not be based on the council tax value or on a proportion of income, but will just be a per capita charge - in other words, back to the poll tax."

The much-criticised poll tax was brought in by Margaret Thatcher's Tory Government in 1990 in place of the rates system. It was scrapped in 1993/94 and replaced with council tax in the wake of huge public opposition, which led to riots on the streets and court appearances for those who refused to pay.

Mr Spellar also warned of 'traps' that could see health functions transferred from the NHS to the combined authority, without the cash to fund them.

"We have had experience of that before," he said. "Councils have had a number of responsibilities transferred to them but unfortunately the money, or the sums that were previously being spent, did not follow. The responsibilities were transferred but so were increasing liabilities, meaning other council services have had to be cut."

Mr Spellar said people affected by the combined authority were still 'in the dark' as to what its precise make-up would be.

"The core authorities are the councils of the old West Midlands County Council," he said. "However, discussions are taking place about whether Warwickshire will be involved, although it is unclear what stage they are at. Equally, discussions



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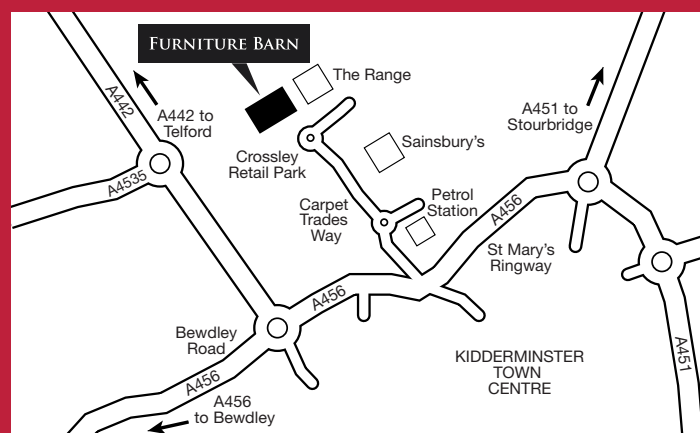
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## Park will host pop-up theatre

A PARK will play host to a pop-up theatre to celebrate the completion of multi-million pound improvements.

Mary Stevens Park in Stourbridge will be transported back in time with free performances on Saturday and Sunday when a unique short 1930s-set comedy will be held in the tea gardens. The free 30-minute show will be performed at 11am, 1.30pm and 3pm on both days.

Cllr Hilary Bills, cabinet member for environmental services, said: "The free pop-up theatre is a wonderful addition to the parks summer schedule."

People are encouraged to book to avoid disappointment by emailing [deborah.merick@dudley.gov.uk](mailto:deborah.merick@dudley.gov.uk) or by calling 01384 815279. Individual and group bookings are welcome.

# Bill for keeping dangerous dogs in kennels is soaring

**WEST Midlands Police spent more than £600,000 in just 12 months on kennel fees to house dangerous dogs seized off the streets.**

Despite the number of dogs being sent to kennels going down, new legislation brought in by the Government meant the costs to the force have risen.

Police chiefs have labelled the hike 'outrageous' and have urged a rethink.

From May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016 the force seized 235 dangerous dogs – compared to 311 in

the same period in 2014/15. However, the cost of kennelling the dangerous animals spiralled from £462,000 in 2014/15 to £620,000 in 2015/16.

The region's Police and Crime Commissioner David Jamieson said: "It's truly outrageous that we've spent nearly two-thirds of a million on the kennelling of dangerous dogs. We've had legislation imposed on us which has increased the pressures on our budget."

"I welcomed this change as it helps to remove animals that may pose a risk to children and vulnerable people from our streets. However, the new legislation is putting further weight

on stretched police budgets as more dogs need kennelling whilst investigations are carried out.

"The Government need to consider these additional costs and the impact they have on local policing."

A report to a Strategic Policing and Crime Board stated: "The costs have continued to rise. This is due to the fact that many of these seizures are for 'dangerous dogs' and therefore the investigations and time within the criminal justice system are increasing. This means dogs are remaining in kennels for longer periods hence the higher cost."

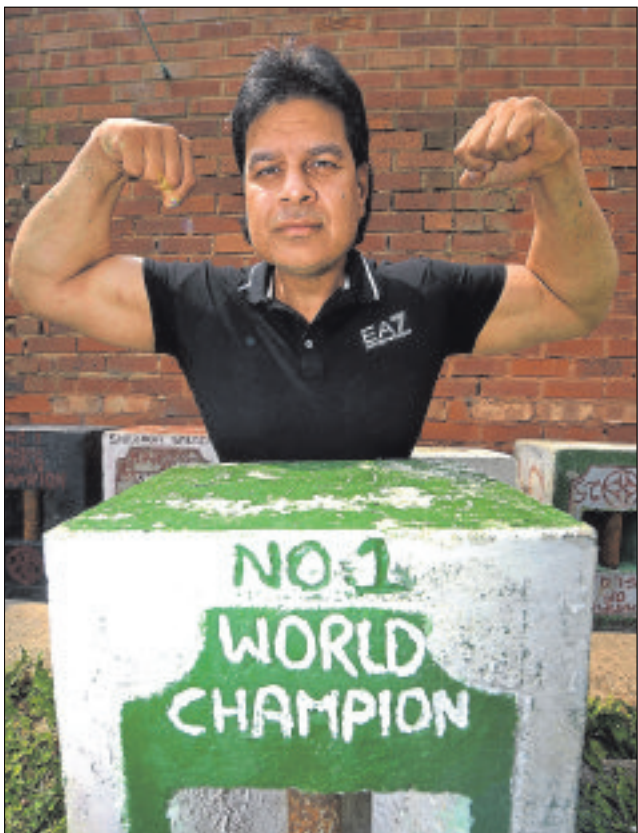
## Flash floods wreak havoc

FLASH floods wreaked havoc on roads between Dudley borough and Worcestershire last week as torrential rain and thunderstorms swept across the region.

Some of the worst flooding was at the Stewpony crossroads in Stourton, where several cars had broke down. Motorists heading towards the busy junction faced delays in excess of 30 minutes after rain battered the area on the evening of June 7. Further south along the A449 the road was blocked in both directions between Kidderminster and Stourton after a tree fell near the Island Pool pub just before 6pm.

Rain also brought Worcestershire's cricket match against Durham Seconds at Stourbridge to a halt.

## Honours for local heroes



Shazada Saleem has been honoured by the Queen in her 90th birthday celebrations

UNSUNG heroes from Dudley borough have been rewarded in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

Among those honoured is a former stone-lifting champion from Kingswinford who helped raise the profile of the sport in his earlier years.

After retiring, Shazada Saleem has helped youngsters turn their lives around.

After breaking records in his youth – including becoming the first man to lift 200kg on his shoulders – Mr Saleem started the Shazad Academy for disadvantaged youngsters after retiring due to lack of competitors.

The 50-year-old volunteered his time, travelling across the UK and the world to keep the sport alive and to help youngsters turn their lives around.

Mr Saleem said he was 'over the moon' to

be honoured with a British Empire Medal. He said: "It's the best thing I've ever achieved in my life. This is my dream come true – I'm over the moon."

### Emotional

"My mum passed away eight years ago and she loved the Queen so that makes it really emotional. It was such a shock and all the rest of my family are really happy."

"Everyone is so proud of me and they've been saying I deserve it for what I've done for helping take kids off the streets."

Hospice volunteer Jean Fletcher, aged 82, of Stourbridge, has been recognised for her services to both nursing care and to the National Trust. For the past seven years the retired nurse has volunteered at Mary Stevens Hospice where she helps relatives come to terms with their loss.

## Ambulance service wins new contract

MORE than one million non-emergency patient journeys will be provided by West Midlands Ambulance Service (WMAS) next year after it was handed a new contract.

The service has been awarded the contract to provide patient transfers for the Wolverhampton and Dudley areas. This is the first time that WMAS has provided this service for many years.

The multi-million pound contract means the Trust will complete about 160,000 patient journeys a year to New Cross and Russells Hall Hospitals as well as a number of other venues. The contract is for three years with an option of a further two years after that.

Steven Marshall, Director of Strategy and Transformation from Wolverhampton Clinical Commissioning Group said: "All parties are committed to continuous improvements for our patients and we are looking forward to working in partnership to deliver a high-quality service."

## Sabbath ends where it began

BLACK Sabbath will come home for their final ever show as it was revealed they would end their story where it began – in Birmingham.

The rockers' final gig will be the second of two nights at the Genting Arena, February 2 and 4. The line-up includes original members Ozzy Osbourne, Geezer Butler and Tony Iommi, who first played together in a Brum pub in 1968.

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Sun at 7.30pm,  
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Sun at 7pm,  
Birmingham Town Hall,  
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Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 7.30pm,  
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# Now Cyndi just wants to have fun



In the pink – Cyndi Lauper has recorded an album of her country music favourites, called *Detour*, and performs in Birmingham

QUIRKY New Yorker Cyndi Lauper, who lit up the 1980s pop scene with *Girls Just Want To Have Fun*, *True Colors*, *Time After Time* and *She Bop*, is in concert at Birmingham Symphony Hall on Wednesday, June 22.

After over 50 million sales to date, Cyndi's musical journey took an unexpected turn on her 11th studio album *'Detour'*, with the Grammy, Emmy and Tony-winning 62-year-old singer-songwriter putting her

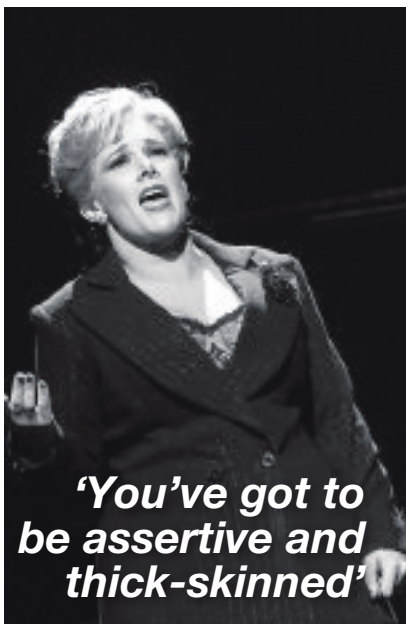
signature spin on a dozen classic country songs. The album, released last month, was a labour of love and showcases that unmistakable voice on country classics from the 1940s to '60s with guest appearances from country stars including Alison Krauss and Willie Nelson.

Cyndi recorded the album in Nashville with the city's top session players. She says recording a country album is something she's dreamed

about for years. She grew up listening to singers like Patsy Cline and Loretta Lynn in her Aunt Gracie's kitchen.

"When I was a really young kid, country music was pop music, so this is what we grew up listening to. These songs are part of some of my earliest memories," she says.

Cyndi wrote the songs for hit Broadway show *Kinky Boots*, now playing in London's West End.



**'You've got to be assertive and thick-skinned'**

## Back to the cell block

X Factor winner Sam Bailey will be swapping her former real life role as a prison officer to play an inmate when the musical *Chicago* comes to Wolverhampton on tour next week.

The singer will play cell block boss Mama Morton when the 1920s-set jazz musical is staged at the Grand Theatre from Monday to Saturday.

Sam Bailey worked as a prison officer at HM Prison Gartree for three years until 2013. At the end of that year Sam won the tenth series of the X Factor receiving more than a million votes over the course of the final weekend.

Following her win, her debut single *Skyscraper* was the Christmas chart-topper and was followed in 2014 with her debut album, *The Power of Love*, reaching number one in the album charts.

Asked if she would draw upon her experience for her role as prison fixer Mama Morton, Leicester mum-of-three Sam said: "You've got to be quite assertive and thick-skinned. I loved my job and miss the people. I have the utmost respect for anyone working in the prison system."

Hot shot lawyer Billy Flynn will be played by EastEnders actor John Partridge and Coronation Street's Hayley Tamaddon will play nightclub singer turned killer Roxie Hart.

Kander and Ebb's hit show, which was also made into a movie, features famous choreography by Bob Fosse. Tickets are on sale at [grandtheatre.co.uk](http://grandtheatre.co.uk) or call 01902 429212.

The production will also be at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre over the festive season as the city's musical alternative to panto.

### Oh Bhoy, lots of comedy on the way

SCOTTISH comedian Danny Bhoy will be giving audiences in Wolverhampton a preview of his new show next month.

The funnyman is trialling his new material in a series of small shows around the UK. He will be at the Slade Rooms on Saturday, July 2.

Meanwhile, other comics heading to Wolverhampton include Mitch Benn at Wolverhampton Art Gallery on September 22 and Felicity Ward with her 50% More Likely To Die show at the same venue on October 16. Both are BBC Radio 4 regulars.

Tickets for all three shows are available online at the [www.wolvescivic.co.uk](http://www.wolvescivic.co.uk) website.

### Showcase for talent taking to the stage

A FESTIVAL which celebrates local talent comes to Newhampton Arts Centre this weekend.

Enact Festival will see theatre companies showcase their work in performances and a networking fair.

Visitors will have the chance to share information, skills, experiences and opportunities with each other and members of the public.

It runs tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday and will include a performance showcases at 7.30pm on both evenings and a script-reading workshop from 2pm-4.30pm on the Saturday.

The arts centre is on Dunkley Street, Wolverhampton.

### Buster brings ska legends to Robin

BUSTER Bloodvessel brings raucous ska legends Bad Manners to Bilston's Robin 2 venue tomorrow night (Friday) with special guest Max Splodge.

Other highlights at the Mount Pleasant venue this week include prog rockers Frost\* on Sunday and American country blues rockers Hymn For Her on Tuesday.

Burntwood metal outfit My Brother The Wolf are at Wolverhampton's Slade Rooms on Saturday. That's the same night punk veterans Angelic Upstarts play the Hare and Hounds in Kings Heath and This Burning Age are at Sunflower Lounge on Smallbrook Queensway.

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## UK's Best Part-Time Band

## Final (BBC2, 10pm)

The nationwide amateur band contest reaches its conclusion as the six finalists and their celebrity mentors try to outperform each other in a 'battle of the bands' concert at the Ritz in Manchester. Ultravox frontman Midge Ure selected two acts from Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, while New Order basist Peter Hook picked the contingent from northern England. Jazze B, meanwhile, chose the south's acts, picking out Garage punks King Salami. As each act performs an original tune and a cover song, members of the audience will vote to determine which group will be named Britain's Best Part-Time band. Last in the series.

## BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Mary Berry's Absolute Favourites. **12.10** BBC News; Weather. **12.10** Athletics: Diamond League Stockholm Highlights. **1.00** Tennis: Queens. The Aegon Championships semi-finals. **4.30** MOTD: Euro 2016 Live. Iceland v Hungary (Kick-off 5.00pm).

## 7.00 BBC News.

## 7.20 Regional Programme.

**7.30** MOTD: Euro 2016 Live. Portugal v Austria (Kick-off 8.00pm). Gary Lineker presents coverage of the second Group F encounter for both teams, which comes from Parc des Princes in Paris. Dominant qualifying campaigns for these two sides meant they went into the tournament as the favourites to progress from this group, and whatever the outcome of their opening matches, they will each see this as a vital fixture. The last meeting between the nations was a 1-1 draw 21 years ago. Since then the Portuguese have amassed far more experience in major tournaments than tonight's opponents, and will fancy their chances of victory should talisman Cristiano Ronaldo be on form. However, with the likes of Bayern Munich star David Alaba, title-winning Leicester City left-back Christian Fuchs and maverick Stoke City winger Marko Arnautovic among their ranks, the Austrians have their strongest side for many years. With commentary by Guy Mowbray and Martin Keown, and analysis by Rio Ferdinand and Alan Shearer.

**10.05** The National Lottery Draw. Veteran pop star Rick Astley performs live in the studio, and pushes the Lotto button to reveal the all-important Lotto and Thunderball numbers.

## 10.15 BBC News; Weather.

**10.35** Mrs Brown's Boys. Agnes tries to solve son David's relationship problems by giving his girlfriend advice, and Grandad ends up in hospital after Dr Flynn's attempt to read his temperature goes awry; (R) National Lottery Update.

**11.05** Thierry Henry: My France, My Euros. The former France striker looks at European Championship stories. (R)

**12.05** Film: The Hunted. (2003) **1.35** Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.40** BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.05** Coast. (R) **6.50** Film: Without Reservations. (1946) **8.35** Film: Lucky Jim. (1957) **10.10** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **11.10** Natural World – Elephants without Borders. (R) **12.00** Tom Kerridge's Best Ever Dishes. (R) **12.30** A Cook Abroad: Dave Myers' Egypt. (R) **1.30** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.30** Escape to the Continent. (R) **3.30** The Great British Sewing Bee. (R) **4.30** Flog It! (R) **5.10** This Week's World. **5.50** Gardeners' World. (R)

## 6.20 Nature's Perfect Partners:

**Natural World.** Bill Bailey narrates this natural history documentary telling the story of some of nature's most extraordinary partnerships, revealing what sometimes happens when animals need an itch scratching, help getting into food or home security assistance. The answer is, to find a partner – and not necessarily one of the same species. Highlights include hippos joining forces with fish for a full-body exfoliation and ravens inviting wolverines over for some bone-crunching assistance with their dinner. (R)

**7.20** The Liver Birds. Beryl loses her engagement ring while making Sandra a trifle, resulting in a mad rush to the hospital. Guest starring John Nettles. (R)

**7.50** Comedy Connections. The story behind The Liver Birds, the influential sitcom charring the lives and loves of two single women sharing a flat in Liverpool. (R)

**8.30** Dad's Army. Jonesy's van runs out of petrol and the platoon is forced to spend the night in a spooky deserted house, where the men's imaginations soon run wild. (R)

**9.00** The New Tate Modern: Switched On. Andrew Marr and Brenda Emmanus attend the grand opening of the Tate Modern's new Switch facility, and shed light how director Frances Morris's plans to use the new space.

**10.00** UK's Best Part-Time Band Final. The celebrity mentors and their acts progress through to the final, where they must play an original tune and a cover song to win the contest. Last in the series.

**11.00** Versailles. A dissident duke tries to pressure Louis XIV to return the royal court to Paris; (R) Inside Versailles.

**12.05** MOTD: Euro 2016 Match Replay. **1.45** Film: Silent Souls. (2010) **3.00** This is BBC Two.

## ITV

**6.00** CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! **6.20** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.30** Dino Dan. (R) **6.45** Dino Dan. (R) **6.55** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **7.00** Sooty. (R) **7.15** Super 4. (R) **7.30** Nerds & Monsters. (R) **7.45** Looped. (R) **8.00** Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) **8.25** ITV News. **8.30** Weekend.

**9.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.30** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.35** ITV News; Weather. **11.50** The Wine Show. **1.00** Euro 2016. Belgium v Republic of Ireland (Kick-off 2.00pm). **4.30** Big Box Little Box. (R) **5.00** The Chase. (R)

**6.00** Regional Programme; Weather. **6.15** ITV News; Weather. **6.30** New You've Been Framed! Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, featuring a possessed toddler and a driver chasing a runaway car.

**7.00** Catchphrase Celebrity Couples Special. Eamonn Holmes and Ruth Langford, Brian McFadden and Vogue Williams, and Vic Reeves and Bob Mortimer "say what they see" in a special edition of the game show. (R)

**8.00** Endeavour. Shaun Evans returns as the young Inspector Morse in the first of four feature-length episodes. A baffling suicide, an anguished father searching for his missing daughter and the smash-and-grab robbery of medieval artefacts throw the detective in at the deep end as he resumes his role with Oxford City Police following a four-month absence from duty. As the locals go to the polls in a closely fought by-election and a beauty contest builds to its conclusion, Endeavour must navigate the choppy waters of both worlds as his investigation shakes the highest pillars of Oxford society. Co-starring Roger Allam, Anton Lesser and Sean Rigby. (R)

## 10.00 ITV News; Weather.

**10.15** Euro 2016 Highlights. Action from the latest three matches in France, featuring Belgium v Republic of Ireland in Bordeaux, Iceland v Hungary in Marseille and Portugal v Austria in Paris.

**11.15** Film: Carry On Camping. (1969) Two men hatch a plan to lure their unsuspecting girlfriends to a nudist camp and introduce them to a life of wild abandon. Bawdy comedy, starring Sid James.

**12.55** Jackpot247. **3.00** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

## CHANNEL 4

**6.35** Motor Sport: British GT. **7.00** Bloodwise Blenheim Palace Triathlon. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** Royal Ascot: The Morning Line. **9.55** Frasier. (R) **10.25** Frasier. (R) **10.55** Formula 1: Grand Prix of Europe Practice 3 Live. **12.05** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.00** Formula 1: Grand Prix of Europe Qualifying Live. Coverage of the battle for pole position (Start-time 2.00pm). **3.20** Royal Ascot: Channel 4 Racing. Clare Balding and Nick Luck present continued live coverage of the fifth and final day.

**6.00** A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun. Scarlett Douglas comes to the aid of Brighton-based couple Neil Massey and Afya Wajid, who hope to pick up a property on Ibiza in which they can entertain their friends.

## 6.45 Channel 4 News.

**7.00** Gogglesprogs. Following on from a pilot edition shown last Christmas, the Gogglesprogs return for a six-part run in which they maintain a close eye on a range of TV output, from entertainment shows and documentaries to some all-time classic films and up-to-the-minute news stories. Participants include six-year-old Molly and her eight-year-old brother William who both love helping out on the family farm, Stephanie who adores Justin Bieber and her friend Christina who prefers classical music, and schoolmates Jacob and Connor. In this opening programme, the youngsters offer their honest, inimitable and ultimately hilarious take on The Undateables. Donald Trump and Mamma Mia! (R)

**8.00** Film: Independence Day. (1996) A fleet of huge flying saucers launches a devastating and unprovoked attack on Earth. As survivors try to flee the seemingly unstoppable alien invaders, the courageous US president, an ace pilot and a computer genius come up with a plan to take the fight to the enemy and save the human race. Roland Emmerich's sci-fi adventure, starring Will Smith.

**10.50** Film: Frankenstein. (2014) Premiere. Fantasy adventure, with Aaron Eckhart and Bill Nighy.

**12.35** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. (R) **1.30** Royal Ascot Highlights.

**1.55** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.00** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures. (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! **8.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **9.30** The Saturday Show Live. **11.35** Funniest Falls, Falls & Flops. **12.05** Film: Star Trek: First Contact. (1998) Sci-fi adventure, starring Patrick Stewart. **2.10** Film: Columbus: The Most Dangerous Match. (1973) Detective drama, with Peter Falk and Laurence Harvey. **3.35** Film: Columbus: Double Shock. (1973) Detective drama, with Peter Falk and Martin Landau. **5.10** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. (R)

**6.10** Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. High Court enforcement officers Paul and Steve make an extraordinary discovery inside a locked bedroom, and immediately call for police back-up. Brian and Graham head to Swindon Town football club to recover a debt, while Paul and Ben have difficulty evicting a couple from a house in Kent after learning they have six children and nowhere else to go. (R)

**7.10** NCIS: Los Angeles. Abby Scuto from the NCIS office in Washington, DC, heads to LA to help the team investigate a murder that may be the work of a serial killer she has been tracking. (R)

**8.00** NCIS. The agents investigate a government organisation dedicated to child prodigies while researching the death of a marine whose body appeared in the middle of a field disguised as a scarecrow, and realise a 12-year-old could be the killer's next target. Mark Harmon, David McCallum, Cote de Pablo, Michael Weatherly and Pauley Perrette star. (R)

**8.55** NCIS. A woman is murdered at the home of Gunnery Sergeant Holt Perkins, and while the victim is initially assumed to be the marine's wife, analysis reveals her to be a convicted thief, presumed to be on the scene as part of a plot to hit Perkins' house. When the agents discover the calling card of notorious terror cell Dragon's Tooth on the body, it becomes clear the murder has been committed as part of a wider agenda, and the team joins forces with the Department of Defence to catch the killer.

## 9.50 5 News Weekend.

## 10.00 Big Brother.

## 11.05 Stephen Merchant: Hello Ladies. (R)

**12.00** SuperCasino. **3.10** Big Brother. (R) **4.00** To B&B the Best. (R)

## DIGITAL

## BBC Four

**7.00** Aliens: The Big Think **8.00** Natural World: Chimps of the Lost Gorge **9.00** The Disappearance **10.45** Lionel Richie at Glastonbury **11.45** Glastonbury Golden Greats **12.40** Disco at the BBC **1.40** Top of the Pops. 1981 **3.00** Lionel Richie at Glastonbury **4.00** Close

## ITV2

**11.25** Ninja Warrior UK **12.30** Educating Joey Essex: Reem Queen at 90 **1.30** Film: The Bachelor (1999) **2.30** FYI Daily **2.35** Film: The Bachelor (1999) **3.30** Film: Nancy Drew (2007) **4.30** FYI Daily **4.35** Film: Nancy Drew (2007) **5.30** Film: Hotel Transylvania (2012) **6.30** FYI Daily **6.35** Film: Hotel Transylvania (2012) **7.15** Film: Along Came Polly (2004) **8.15** FYI Daily **8.20** Film: Along Came Polly (2004) **9.00** Love Island: The Weekly Hot List **10.00** Celebrity Juice **10.50** Family Guy **12.20** American Dad! **1.20** The Cleveland Show **2.10** The Vampire Diaries **2.55** Teleshopping **5.55** ITV2 Nightscreen

## ITV3

**12.40** Foyle's War **2.50** Midsomer Murders **6.55** Doc Martin **8.00** It'll Be Alright on the Night **9.00** Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Donny Osmond **10.00** Foyle's War **12.00** Bouquet of Barbed Wire **1.05** City Lights **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

## ITV4

**12.00** Cycling: Women's Tour Highlights **1.05** Film: Gunsunko (1953) **2.10** FYI Daily **2.15** Film: Gunsunko (1953) **2.50** Film: Smokey and the Bandit (1977) **3.55** FYI Daily **4.00** Film: Smokey and the Bandit (1977) **4.40** Film: Police Academy 3: Back in Training (1986) **5.40** FYI Daily **5.45** Film: Police Academy 3: Back in Training (1986) **6.40** World Series of Darts: Auckland **10.30** Cycling: Women's Tour Highlights **11.30** Cycling: Women's Tour Highlights **11.30** FYI Daily **12.35** Film: Rambo: First Blood Part II (1985) **1.30** Hell on Wheels **2.20** Highway Patrol **2.45** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

## E4

**3.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: Sleepy Hollow (1999) **11.05** The Big Bang Theory **12.05** Gogglebox **2.15** The Inbetweeners **3.15** New Girl **3.35** The New Normal **4.20** Revenge

## Film4

**11.00** The River's Edge (1957) **1.00** The Spy Next Door (2010) **2.50** Thunderbirds (2004) **4.40** Ladder 49 (2004) **6.55** Fantastic Four (2005) **9.00** Safe House (2012) **11.15** The Raven (2012) **1.25** Dead of Night (1974) **3.15** Close

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They then explore the capital San Jose on election day before driving over the Cerro de la Muerte - which translates as the Mountain of Death. They then cross into Panama and experience the wonders of the world-famous canal linking the Atlantic to the Pacific, before heading to their final destination at the town of Yaviza, where the Pan-American highway comes to an end. Last in the series. (R)</p> <p><b>8.00 Top Gear.</b> Chris Evans, Matt LeBlanc and Sabine Schmitz each buy a second-hand car and drive to Venice. Professor Brian Cox and Bear Grylls are this week's Stars in a Rally Cross Car.</p> <p><b>9.00 City in the Sky.</b> Dallas Campbell and Dr Hannah Fry examine the process of bringing a plane safely to the ground, meeting air traffic controllers at the world's busiest airport. Last in the series.</p> <p><b>10.00 Mock the Week.</b> (R)</p> <p><b>10.35 Stupid Man, Smart Phone.</b> Olympic athlete Jeremy Jones joins Russell Kane on a Costa Rican island that is teeming with deadly snakes and scorpions and scorched by baking temperature. Last in the series.</p> <p><b>11.25 Flat TV.</b> Tom looks after Aoife's mischievous nephew in a bid to impress his new neighbour. Last in the series.</p> <p><b>11.45 The Millionaires' Holiday Club.</b> (R)</p> <p><b>12.45 MOTD: Euro 2016 Match Replay.</b> 2.25 Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) 3.25 Holby City. (R) 4.25 This is BBC Two.</p>	<p><b>6.00 CITV: The Aquabats!</b> Super Show! 6.20 Pat &amp; Stan. (R) 6.30 Dino Dan. (R) 6.45 Dino Dan. (R) 6.55 Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) 7.15 Super 4. (R) 7.30 Nerds &amp; Monsters. (R) 7.45 The Tom &amp; Jerry Show. (R) 8.00 Teen Titans Go! (R) 8.25 ITV News. 8.30 Weekend. 9.25 Griff's Great Britain. (R) 10.00 Peston on Sunday. 11.00 Bargain Round Britain with John Sergeant. (R) 11.30 Weekend Escapes with Warwick Davis. (R) 12.00 Masterpiece with Alan Titchmarsh. (R) 1.00 ITV News: Weather. 1.15 Catchphrase. (R) 1.59 Regional Programme. 2.00 Planet's Got Talent. (R) 2.30 Film: Evan Almighty. (2007) Comedy sequel, starring Steve Carell. 4.30 Midsomer Murders. (R)</p> <p><b>6.25 Regional Programme: Weather.</b> 6.40 ITV News: Weather.</p> <p><b>7.00 Emmerdale.</b> Belle angrily confronts Lachlan, who confesses his love for her. She is forced to tell Lisa the truth about her relationship with Dr Bailey before she is arrested for the break-in.</p> <p><b>7.30 Coronation Street.</b> Lee informs Billy he is holding Sarah hostage and will release her in return for £1,000, while Alex offers to drive Gemma to the cemetery to visit Callum's grave.</p> <p><b>8.30 Vera.</b> When the remains of a teenager are found half-buried in a wood, Vera finds herself investigating a 30-year-old mystery. Identified as Carrie Telling, a girl who disappeared during the 1984 miners' strike, the team retrieves news footage from the protests that shows her taking pictures in the background. It appears she got caught up in the unrest that day, contradicting her father's assertion that she went straight home. Photographs recovered from her camera yield further revelations for Vera. What did Carrie discover that ultimately led to her death? (R)</p> <p><b>10.30 ITV News: Weather.</b></p> <p><b>10.45 Euro 2016 Highlights.</b> Action from the latest two matches in France, featuring Switzerland v France at the Stade Pierre-Mauroy in Lille and Romania v Albania at the Stade de Lyon.</p> <p><b>11.45 Peston on Sunday.</b> Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston, with ITV News National Editor Allegra Stratton. (R)</p> <p><b>12.35 Jackpot247.</b> 3.00 Motorsport UK. 3.50 ITV Nightscreen.</p>	<p><b>6.10 Salvage SOS.</b> 6.35 Salvage SOS. 7.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.25 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 IPC Athletics European Championships 2016. 9.00 Sunday Brunch. 12.00 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) 1.00 Formula 1: Grand Prix of Europe Live. Coverage of eighth round of the season (Start-time 2.00pm). 4.30 Location, Location, Location. (R) 5.30 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun.</p> <p><b>6.30 Channel 4 News.</b></p> <p><b>7.00 Escape to the Chateau.</b> Dick and Angel only have a few weeks to prepare for their wedding, but the chateau is nowhere near ready to receive the 200 guests they have invited and finding reliable, affordable workers is proving difficult. Dick oversees the damming of the moat and the installation of a new, eco-friendly sewage system, while Angel turns her attention to giving the rooms a distinctive decor. Last in the series.</p> <p><b>8.00 Penelope Keith at Her Majesty's Service.</b> The actress visits Hillsborough Castle, the Queen's official residence in Northern Ireland. She discovers the daily routine of the household staff during a royal visit, and flicks through a scrapbook of mementos dating back to 1925, which provides an insight into how life in the royal family has changed over the years. She also meets the Queen's bugler, finds an unexpected treasure from the 1953 coronation tour and discovered how in 2012, the Queen played a simple but vital role in uniting two fractured communities in Enniskillen simply by crossing the road.</p> <p><b>9.00 Film: August: Osage County.</b> (2013) Premiere. Three estranged sisters return to their family home following their father's suicide, and resume their complex relationship with their overbearing, malicious mother. Over the day of the funeral, tensions among the family reach boiling point as secrets and recriminations are brought to light. Drama, starring Meryl Streep.</p> <p><b>11.25 Formula 1: Grand Prix of Europe highlights.</b></p> <p><b>12.30 Film: Intruders.</b> (2011) 2.20 Building Hitler's Supergun: The Plot to Destroy London. (R) 3.15 The Restoration Man. (R) 4.10 Jimmy's Australian Food Adventure. (R)</p>	<p><b>6.00 Milkshake!</b> Peppa Pig. 6.05 Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) 6.15 Angelina Ballerina. (R) 6.30 Bob the Builder. (R) 6.40 Wanda and the Alien. (R) 6.50 Zack and Quack. (R) 7.05 Pets. (R) 7.10 Noddy in Toyland. (R) 7.20 Paw Patrol. (R) 7.35 Little Princess. (R) 7.50 Pip Ahoy! (R) 8.05 Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) 8.30 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 8.45 Shimmer and Shine. 9.15 Jelly Jamm. (R) 9.30 LazyTown. (R) 9.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) 10.30 Access. (R) 10.40 Now That's Funny! (R) 11.40 Now That's Funny! (R) 12.40 Film: Tinker Bell. (2008) Disney animated adventure, with the voice of Mae Whitman. 2.10 Film: A Zebra's Tale. (2013) Premiere. Animated adventure, with the voice of Jake T. Austin. 3.45 Film: Open Season 2. (2008) Animated comedy sequel, with the voice of Joel McHale. 5.15 Film: The Shaggy Dog. (2006) Comedy remake, starring Tim Allen.</p> <p><b>7.00 The Secret Life of Kittens.</b> Part one of two. Documentary following kittens from birth to 12 months old, revealing how the sights, smells and sounds they experience and the friends they make during this period create indelible impressions and shape their unique personalities. †Cameras capture all the formative moments, including their first exploration of their home environment, their curtain-climbing acrobatics, and the first time they venture out to meet the neighbourhood cats. (R)</p> <p><b>8.00 Now That's Funny!</b> Featuring the wonders of virtual reality, some outrageous employees of the month, and a guide to dating.</p> <p><b>8.55 5 News Weekend.</b></p> <p><b>9.00 Big Brother.</b> Daily round-up of highlights, featuring the latest tasks, games, arguments, laughs, diary room visits and bedroom chat-chat.</p> <p><b>10.00 The Best of Bad TV.</b> The series charting TV's darkest moments with a look at 2000s, a decade which brought the rise of the reality star and dubious game show formats. (R)</p> <p><b>11.20 20 Moments That Rocked the 00s.</b> Lauren Laverne presents a countdown of some of the most memorable moments from the decade. (R)</p> <p><b>12.45 Lip Sync Battle: Will Arnett v Alison Brie.</b> (R) 1.10 SuperCasino. 3.10 The Yorkshire Vet. (R)</p>	<p><b>BBC Four</b></p> <p><b>7.00 James May at the Edge of Space</b> 7.30 MOTD: Euro 2016 Live. Romania v Albania (Kick-off 8.00pm). 10.00 Schönbrenn Summer Night Concert from Vienna 11.30 Wonders of the Universe 12.30 Pompeii: The Mystery of the People Frozen in Time 1.30 Rise of the Continents 2.30 The Treasure Hunters 3.30 Close</p> <p><b>ITV2</b></p> <p><b>2.00 Film:</b> Back to the Future Part II (1989) 3.00 FYI Daily 3.05 Film: Back to the Future Part II (1989) 5.10 FYI Daily 5.15 Film: The Perfect Man (2005) 6.15 Film: Cats &amp; Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) 7.15 FYI Daily 7.20 Film: Cats &amp; Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (2010) 8.00 Educating Joey Essex: What EU Sayin? 9.00 Love Island 10.00 Family Guy 11.30 American Dad! 12.30 The Cleveland Show 1.25 Educating Joey Essex: What EU Sayin? 2.15 Telephoning 5.45 ITV2 Nightscreen</p> <p><b>ITV3</b></p> <p><b>11.25 Film:</b> Columbo: Now You See Him (1976) 1.20 Agatha Christie's Marple 3.25 Film: Les Misérables (1978) 4.35 FYI Daily 4.40 Film: Les Misérables (1978) 5.55 Bargain Round Britain with John Sergeant 6.25 Agatha Christie's Marple 8.25 Sunday Night at the Queen Palladium 9.30 Cameraman to the Queen 11.40 FYI Daily 11.45 Film: The English Patient (1996) 1.45 Film: Columbo: Now You See Him (1976) 3.20 May the Best House Win 5.00 Judge Judy</p> <p><b>ITV4</b></p> <p><b>11.00 Live British Touring Car Championship.</b> 6.15 Sporting Funnies 6.25 The Wine Show 7.30 World Series of Darts: Auckland 10.30 Cycling: Women's Tour Highlights 11.30 Film: Rambo III (1988) 12.30 FYI Daily 12.35 Film: Rambo III (1988) 1.35 Ax Men 2.35 Movies Now 2.45 ITV4 Nightscreen</p> <p><b>E4</b></p> <p><b>1.30 The Big Bang Theory</b> 2.30 The Big Bang Theory: Father's Day 8.00 Film: The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (2010) 10.25 Gogglebox 12.35 The Inbetweeners 1.40 Tattoo Fixers 2.40 Rude Tube 3.10 The New Normal 3.30 Hollyoaks</p> <p><b>Film4</b></p> <p><b>2.45 The Last Mimzy</b> (2007) 4.35 Chalet Girl (2011) 6.25 The Day After Tomorrow (2004) 8.50 Independence Day: Resurgence Interview Special 9.00 I, Robot (2004) 11.20 The Negotiator (1998) 2.05 Conspirators of Pleasure (1996) 3.50 Close</p>

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## FILM CHOICES

### MONDAY

**The World's Fastest Indian, BBC2, 3.15pm**

A pensioner motorbike enthusiast travels from New Zealand to the salt flats of Utah in the hope of getting a chance to break the world land-speed record on his vintage Indian Scout. However, he encounters many obstacles, since not everyone he meets on his journey shares his passion and optimism. Fact-based drama, starring Anthony Hopkins. (2005)

### TUESDAY

**Columbo: Lovely but Lethal, ITV, 12am**

A cosmetics company is rocked by the revelation that a pirated version of their latest product is on the market, and then, shortly afterwards, one of their chemists is found murdered. But when the shabby sleuth scrutinises the case, he suspects the events are linked to a rival company. Detective drama, starring Peter Falk. (1973)



Defiance, Thursday, BBC2, 10.30pm

### WEDNESDAY

**Heart of the Country, Channel 5, 3.15pm**

The wife of a Wall Street stockbroker finds her glamorous existence brought crashing to a halt when her husband is imprisoned for fraud. Forced to return to rural North Carolina where she grew up, she attempts to make peace with her estranged father and deal with unresolved issues surrounding the death of her mother. Drama, starring Jana Kramer. (2013)

### THURSDAY

**Defiance, BBC2, 10.30pm**

Three Jewish brothers escape into the woods during the 1939 Nazi invasion of Poland, and launch a series of guerrilla attacks on German forces. As word of their actions spreads, other refugees join them to form a larger resistance movement. However, one of the brothers fears their struggle is doomed. Second World War drama, starring Daniel Craig. (2008)

### FRIDAY

**A Few Best Men, BBC1, 11.40pm**

An Englishman falls in love with a woman he meets on holiday in Australia, and asks her to marry him. However, he then makes the mistake of bringing three friends over to be his best men. Comedy, starring Xavier Samuel and Laura Brent. (2011)

# Famous faces look to serve up a tasty treat

The pots and pans have hardly had time to be washed and dried from the last series of MasterChef, but it's already time for a new series of the Celebrity incarnation.

Once again, John Torode and Gregg Wallace are putting a host of famous faces through their paces, and one of the show's executive producers, David Ambler, thinks this year's contestants are another strong bunch.

"We've got a fantastic line-up of willing celebrities ready to commence culinary battle," he says.

"John and Gregg really push the celebs to reach for the culinary heights and there's no shortage of entertainment and drama.

"Despite the blood, sweat and tears we see some of the best food we have seen in our 11 years of doing the show."

The other executive producer Carla-Maria Lawson agrees:

"This year's celebrities come from an incredibly mixed range of backgrounds and the diversity of their

life experiences is reflected in their food.

"This is one of the most passionate groups of celebrity cooks we've ever had on MasterChef."

TOWIE star Amy Childs and Strictly Come Dancing pro Gleb Savchenko are among the celebs who will have their spatulas at the ready in a bid to impress John and Gregg over the next six weeks.

Fresh from his turn on The Jump is ex-EastEnders Sid Owen, who will go up against fellow Walford resident Laila Morse. Keeping up the pop star contingent is Blue singer Simon Webbe, who has already tested his nerves on I'm A Celebrity...., and former Sugababe Amelle Berrabah.

On the sporting front, former England rugby player Neil Back will also be attempting to whip up some impressive dishes, as will Olympic gold medal-winning boxer Audley Harrison.

Paralympian Liz Johnson will also compete in the kitchen along with former pop star Richard Coles.

Other additions to the line-up include Shameless star Tina Malone,

presenters Cherry Healy and Louise Minchin, and Antiques Roadshow's David Harper.

The first famous faces taking part tonight and beginning their quest to succeed 2015 champ Kimberly Wyatt are comedian Tommy Cannon, TV presenter and actress Donna Air, writer and presenter of The Real Hustle Alexis Conran, YouTube vlogger Marcus Butler and singer Sinitta.

Their opening Mystery Box challenge is to use ingredients including squid, lamb mince and chickpeas to create a single dish.

Then, the quintet are split up and dispatched to two different restaurants to cater for paying customers.

Finally, they get one last chance to impress John and Gregg with a two-course menu of their own design before one of them is sent home.

The 11th series will see the infamous Mass Catering Challenges being held at Arsenal Football Stadium, Battersea Power Station, Virgin Atlantic Training Centre and Olympic Athlete training facility Bisham Abbey.



Celebrity MasterChef, Wednesday, BBC1, 8pm

# BEST OF THE REST

### MONDAY

**Euro 2016**

**ITV, 7.15pm**

Slovakia v England (Kick-off 8.00pm). All the action from the final Group B game for both countries, which takes place at the Stade Geoffroy-Guichard in Saint-Etienne. These sides have only met three times in the past, with the most recent clash coming in a friendly encounter in March 2009. Wayne Rooney netted twice in a 4-0 win at Wembley Stadium that night, with Emile Heskey and Frank Lampard also on the scoresheet. The format of the tournament this time means that four of the teams finishing third in their group will progress to the last 16, along with the winners and runners-up, meaning the final fixtures in each group are likely to take on even greater relevance. Presented by Mark Pougatch, with commentary by Clive Tyldesley and Glenn Hoddle, and analysis from Ian Wright, Peter Crouch and Lee Dixon.

### TUESDAY

**EU Referendum: The Great Debate**

**BBC1, 8pm**

With just a few days to go until we face the biggest European Union shake up in decades, David Dimbleby, Mishal Husain and Emily Maitlis are on hand to present this offering – one of the biggest

debates of the EU referendum campaign, live from the SSE Arena, Wembley in London. Featuring high-profile politicians, business people and cultural figures who will debate Britain's membership of the EU in front of an audience of thousands. Plus, reaction from the world's media and the BBC's reality check team

### WEDNESDAY

**Rescue Dog to Super Dog**

**Channel 4, 8pm**

More than 100,000 dogs are abandoned in the UK each year, with many of the pooches ending up at rescue centres. However, as this heart-warming three-part series has shown, help is at hand in the form of a new initiative retraining rescue dogs as companions for people with disabilities. In tonight's concluding part, the team helps find a helper dog for Manchester-based Paula who has a faulty immune system. She is matched with a boxer called Stanley, and hopes a dog will be able to help her with challenging daily tasks and provide her with invaluable companionship. Meanwhile, second-year student Ellie has cerebral palsy and

desperately needs support as she strives to become an independent adult. Will rescue puppy Zamba be the answer?

### THURSDAY

**What Britain Buys**

**Channel 4, 8pm**

Mary Portas presents this occasional look at how Britons shop and which products they buy, focusing on the growing popularity of contactless spending on cards, phones and even watches. She also looks at the trend for putting snail slime on the face, and face masks for the bottom, and at the millions of mums – and dads – doing the school run in leggings. Plus, how singing in the car has made dashcams the latest motoring must-have, and the way smart toys are affecting children's play.



Glastonbury 2016, Friday, BBC2, 10pm

### FRIDAY

**Oscar Pistorius: The Interview**

**ITV, 9pm**

He was once hailed as a Paralympic hero and an inspiration to people around the world – but all that changed when Oscar Pistorius shot and killed his girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp on Valentine's Day 2013. Last year, South Africa's Supreme Court convicted him of murder, overturning the previous conviction of culpable homicide, and he is currently awaiting sentencing, which is expected to be delivered later this month. Here, Pistorius gives his first television interview about the events of that fateful night as investigative journalist Mark Williams-Thomas questions him about the key details of the prosecution case, his relationship with Reeva and the allegations of previous abusive behaviour. The Steenkamp family were asked to take part in the programme, but declined.

### Glastonbury 2016

**BBC2, 10pm**

New series. From their bird's eye studio view high up at Worthy Farm in Pilton, Somerset, presenters Jo Whitley, Mark Radcliffe, Lauren Laverne, Huw Stephens and roving reporters Gemma Cairney and Martin Dougan report on events at the world-famous music event.

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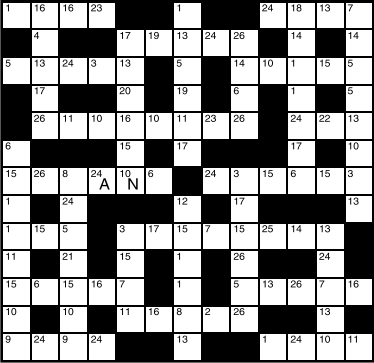
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:  
C L U I F B V J S A X Y N  
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

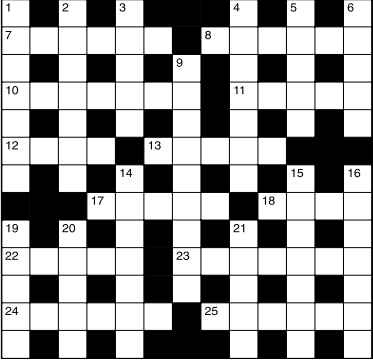
Cryptic Clues:

Across

- 7. Get out of bed (6)
- 8. Feel in for a change, like a cat (6)
- 10. The head cleaner! (7)
- 11. Information that is to be found in the Arabian Nights (5)
- 12. Escape from a rifle encounter (4)
- 13. Speeds regulated by local authorities (5)
- 17. A possibility of power (5)
- 18. Hotel employee brought to book (4)
- 22. One may slip and fall into it (5)
- 23. Flower in my control (7)
- 24. Humble a good man, after a fashion (6)
- 25. I left first followed by a Shakespearian heroine (6)

Down

- 1. Doesn't encourage delays (4,3)
- 2. Small cask for fresh water - or sea water (7)
- 3. Circles a strange sloop (5)
- 4. Worked to rule? (7)
- 5. Huge portion of Norwegian trout (5)
- 6. Even turned up it's the same (5)
- 9. Out to make one uneasy? (3,2,4)
- 14. Conversation becomes pointless if you do (7)
- 15. Special gifts of money (7)
- 16. Some people face it with resolution (3,4)
- 19. Appears to look at some writing (5)
- 20. Cured in a rough way (5)
- 21. Legally prevent poets being translated (5)



Quick Clues:

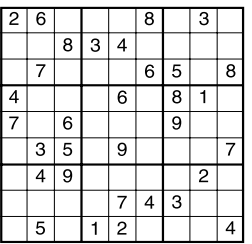
Across

- 7. Source (6)
- 8. Force (6)
- 10. In addition to (7)
- 11. Name (5)
- 12. Not one (4)
- 13. Subject of discussion (5)
- 17. Mar (5)
- 18. Unaccompanied (4)
- 22. Caper (5)
- 23. Idea (7)
- 24. Worthless (6)
- 25. Shiver (6)

Down

- 1. Join together (7)
- 2. Disagree (7)
- 3. Discovers (5)
- 4. Include (7)
- 5. Malice (5)
- 6. Change (5)
- 9. Partner (9)
- 14. Apparition (7)
- 15. Pardon (7)
- 16. Twist (7)
- 19. Fortunate (5)
- 20. Motionless (5)
- 21. Sham (5)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

4	9	1	2	8	6	5	7	3
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8	1	6	4	7	2	3	5	9
1	3	5	9	4	7	6	2	8
6	8	4	1	2	5	9	3	7
2	7	9	8	6	3	1	4	5

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Usage; 4 Lucifer; 8 Instant; 9 Lying; 10 Eats; 11 After all; 13 Ties; 14 Mace; 16 To be sure; 17 Tame; 20 Oscar; 21 Mustard; 22 Slowest; 23 Ruler. Down: 1 United Nations; 2 Asset; 3 Edam; 4 Let off; 5 Cul-de-sac; 6 Frigate; 7 Regular reader; 12 Sets free; 13 Tobacco; 15 Prompt; 18 Avail; 19 User. QUICK - Across: 1 Dread; 4 Portend; 8 Secrete; 9 Class; 10 Only; 11 Derision; 13 Brow; 14 Cede; 16 Rearmost; 17 Pate; 20 Brain; 21 Eclipse; 22 Entreat; 23 Greet. Down: 1 Dishonourable; 2 Excel; 3 Deed; 4 Prefer; 5 Recover; 6 Examines; 7 Disengagement; 12 Commence; 13 Blatant; 15 Ascent; 18 Ample; 19 Flag.

Thinking space

Quiz

- 1. According to the Old Testament, on which mountain did Moses receive the Ten Commandments?
- 2. Which great horror actor died in August 1994?
- 3. In which country was Princess Margaret born?
- 4. The Cherrill White Horse celebrates whose victory over the Danes?
- 5. Who was European Footballer of the Year in 1968?
- 6. To what did Burma change its name in 1989?
- 7. With which instrument is Miles Davis primarily associated?
- 8. What is a loquat?
- 9. What is the wife of a marquess called?
- 10. Of which religion was Joseph Smith the founder?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 Len Deighton; 2 Banana; 3 West Ham United; 4 France and Spain; 5 Lincolnshire; 6 Carl Orff; 7 Acacia; 8 Netherlands; 9 Sonia O'Sullivan; 10 El Cid. Niner: OUTSAILED

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# Lisbon has been brought up to date but still enjoys its historical glory

**WHEN I lived in Lisbon 14 years ago, I stayed, rent-free, in a dilapidated 12-bedroom palace owned by a bon vivant called Jorge who wafted through its crumbling corridors with an air of faded grandeur.**

He typified an aristocratic capital since forgotten by the rest of Europe, where colourful characters eked out a fantasy existence by surviving on cheap rents.

For decades, Lisbon has been trapped in a wonderful time warp: specialist shops still sell products from behind wooden counters and weathered doorways reveal historic interiors untouched for years.

But now change is happening at an accelerating pace, and there's a palpable energy

By Sarah Marshall

in a city that's drifted aimlessly for so long.

According to figures collected by Lisbon's tourist board, the number of visitors to the city increased by 18 per cent from 2013-2015. To cope with the demand, there has been 150 per cent growth in hotel openings during the same period.

Flight access is also improving; earlier this month Monarch launched flights from Manchester, Birmingham and London to the Portuguese capital.

So what's the reason behind this drastic change? It's partly down to changes in government. Four years ago, a century-old law freezing rent charges was scrapped, sparking investment in rundown properties and a plethora of new restaurants and bars.

The results could have been disastrous. Fortunately, though, proud Lisboans pre-

fer to preserve their past rather than raze buildings and start again.

Once dominated by government offices and embassies, Rua Dom Pedro V and the Principe Real district is now filled with wine bars, fashion boutiques and design stores. Climb the wooden staircase of revamped 1800s neo-Moorish mansion Embaixada (Praca do Principe Real, 26) to find ornate interiors just as beguiling as the pop-up shops now housed inside.

## Value

The concept of upcycling was key to the design of new hotel AlmaLusa Baixa/Chiado, which occupies a former arsenal on Praca do Municipio – another area of the city enjoying a new lease of life. Every aspect of the city offers great value for money.

In April, Post Office Travel Money rated Lisbon the cheapest city in Western Europe

in their City Costs Barometer. It's possible to dine for around £8 per head and even the 45-minute metro journey from the airport into town costs less than a couple of Euros.

This is one of the few European cities where independent businesses have the upper hand on generic big brands. From dusty, traditional stores to trendy new ones, local shops champion artisan Portuguese products such as paper-wrapped soaps, household linens and even canned fish.

Of course, Lisbon still bathes in the glory of its historical sites, including the Unesco World Heritage sites of Belem, linked to the Age of Discoveries. Standing beneath the Monument to the Discoveries, where statues of 33 navigators reach out to the River Tagus, I imagine a time when Vasco da Gama set sail to extend the Portuguese Empire. Right now though, there's so much on Lisbon's own doorstep to explore.

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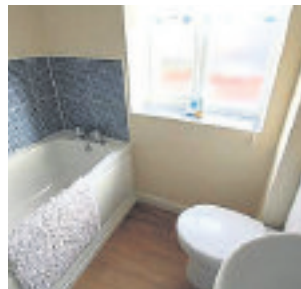
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# Spanish style and flair in the Seat Ibiza

By Sharon Walters

It might be part of the huge VWG group but there's nothing Teutonic about the Seat stable.

Some thought the former Spanish brand might have lost a little of its sparkle when first bought by VWG but its cars still have more than a splash of Latin passion about them.

Built on common platforms with Volkswagen, Audi and Skoda, the twists on exterior looks give no indication of German owners. Seats certainly can be distinguished in your rear view mirror rather than you wondering which member of the stable it is from.

And now to the updated Ibiza, first introduced in 1984 at the Paris Motor Show when the Iberian firm named its models after Spanish cities. This supermini was ideally suited to the name of a place associated with younger, hip and happening folk. Think of the tales of all those music venues which still attract club lovers.

This latest version, as did the previous incarnations, attracts a lot of buyers in its pricing along with a good ride and handling. It is also relatively cheap to run is well built, has a raft of safety features (it has a five-star Euro NCAP crash-test safety rating) with stability control, autonomous emergency braking assistance, tyre-pressure monitoring, a variety of airbags and traction control all as standard and has a high level of equipment.

There's a range of engines and trim levels and I tried out the Ibiza SE 1.4 TDI Ecomotive 75 PS 5-speed manual. This is a great little package if only for the magic Ecomotive tag – official average fuel economy is put at 83.1 mpg and I managed just short of 80mpg. Less visits to the pumps with this car. It also scores 88 g/km in CO2 emissions which means you don't pay road tax. And the cost savings continue.

The engine may be a tad noisy but you can forgive it for the economy and also how easily it copes with all sorts of driving – from winding round lanes to cruising on motorways.

Ibiza has firm suspension, which I prefer, and the result is good body control which leans well through corners. Steering is quick and makes corners fun, especially along country lanes.

Inside drivers can find an almost perfect position in the well-supported seats with height adjustment (standard across all models) plus reach and rake adjustment on the steering wheel. Finding what you need on the dash is instinctive thanks to its clear and uncluttered layout.

I don't find a problem with height space thanks to my 5 feet four inches! But six footers in the driver's and front passenger seat have no cause for complaint – although the rear seats are not so generous due to the curved roofline. However legroom is fine along with elbow space.

The boot is good for the size of the car and the 60/40 split rear seats give you flexibility for creating more luggage space when you are two or three up and also for carrying large items.

Standard kit across the range is good including – alloy wheels, air-conditioning, CD player with iPod socket, electric front windows and front foglamps. SE grades also get a raft of extras including halogen front headlights, front fog lights with cornering function, LED daytime running lights, LED taillights, more storage pockets and updated infotainment system with a 5-inch colour touchscreen, steering wheel mounted audio and phone controls and six speakers. Plus Bluetooth audio streaming and handsfree system (which actually comes in at the next trim level down).

My test car also had a few extras which are well worth considering. A convenience pack including auto-headlights, coming and leaving home function for £230. For £145 the Full Link should be a must extra for providing compatibility with Mirrorlink, Apple CarPlay and Android Auto. Upgraded navigation added £580 and a space saver spare wheel at £100.

Seat has worked on its image of being fun and sporty, leaving its brothers rather on the more serious side, and that effort has worked very well. Put up against its rivals, it certainly impresses. It is fun to drive and made me feel decades younger than my birth certificate claims.

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Cheslyn Hay Table Tennis Club is proving a smash hit as membership figures rise



A smiling Nigel Smith with trophies that he won throughout 2015



Isabel Beastall, aged 11, is a member of the youth team

# Quinn and Co serve up up a story of success

## SPORTING FEATURE

By Lewis Cox

**HAVING helped more than 300 burgeoning table tennis stars progress, Cheslyn Hay secretary John Quinn is delighted with the impact that the club is making in the local community.**

Now with almost 50 members, the Salem Church-based outfit are on an upward spiral, with interest peaking and committed volunteers providing expert coaching.

On top of that, they are doing their bit for those less fortunate than themselves. Quinn revealed that in 10 years they have raised £22,000 for charities worldwide by hosting 12-hour table-tennis marathons, quizzes and horse racing nights.

Quinn has played the game for more than a half-a-century and been involved with the Cheslyn Hay club since its inception in 1974, when they were playing at the old working men's club.

### Challenge

"It's fantastic to look back and know that hundreds of kids have come through our youth academy at the club," he said.

"For me, the challenge is to bring all of the youngsters off their computers and Xboxes and get them doing something else. It's extremely social and they're all playing competitive table tennis."

With the help of qualified coach Andrew Beastall, Craig Cartwright and father-and-son duo Martin and Callum Squire, the club has managed to pick itself up after numbers started to dwindle two or three years ago.

Quinn, who last year was presented with a national

**"Some of them had never picked up a table tennis bat in their life.**

**"We train many of them from beginners and we've some top young players."**

award from the English Table Tennis Association for more than 40 years "voluntary service in the game, holds real pride in what they have achieved."

"Andrew has done so, so well to coach the kids," he added. "Some of them had never picked up a table tennis bat in their life. We train many of them from beginners and we've some top young players."

Andrew has been given huge support by Martin and his son Callum, who is taking his coaching awards.

"Then to have someone like Craig, who helps with looking after the place, taking tables up and down, is just great. To see the progress is really fantastic."

"Our venue isn't in the best of conditions but we make the most of what we've got."

"Salem Church is 200-odd years old, we have five tables and even a robot training machine who will serve and play topspin shots."

"Things have gone from strength to strength since Andrew has taken over. He brings fun to the sessions and what we have done is unbelievable."

Amy Beastall, aged 15, has been called up to represent Staffordshire and at one point was ranked as high as 40th in the UK.

As well as bringing impressive youngsters through their ranks, the club's first team have also been finding some real form over the past few years.

Nigel Smith, Paul Bishop and Jeff Parkes compete in the Walsall League's Division One after superb double success in Division Two last year.

They finished the season as league champions and picked up the divisional cup. Smith was also successful in the individual category.

"I've been secretary for 25 years and I'm very, very proud," Quinn added. "There are many clubs closing down and we are doing more than surviving."

### Content

"I'm just content that if I were to step down then the club would be able to continue to function. We cater for all players and have some kids as young as 10 with some members in their 80s."

"There's no discrimination, it's social and we hope to increase even more."

The club's home match nights take place on Monday and Tuesday nights, with the church also open on those evenings for training sessions from 7-10pm.

They also run youth academy nights on Wednesdays from 6-7.30pm.

The club are keen to encourage sponsorship, with players travelling far afield to compete in a number of competitions.

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There were two male teams and one female team pulling on the hoops with Craig Brown, Dave Norman and Matt Biggs finishing fifth in 2.59.45 and Mick Quane, James Wright and Andy Morrison coming seventh in 3.13.54 behind two teams made up of Royal Marines. The ladies team finished in the best position of all. The 'Three Damn Fine Filles' of Lynn Sprague, Helen Tromans and Jane Pugh were fourth in 3.44.31.

On tarmac 24 hours later, Mark Homer was rewarded with a first prize in his age group at the tough Potters Arf, a half marathon raced around the towns of Stoke on Trent, finishing in 72nd in a course best time of 1.31.17.

Graham Wildgoose took part in the Aldridge 10k finishing in a course best 43.22. He was joined by Russell Fox, Sally McConville, Lisa Kendrick, Keith Whitehouse, Alison Whitehouse and Nicola Wilkinson.

Darrell Bodin of Dudley and Stourbridge Harriers took third place in the inaugural Severn Valley Trail 10k in 44.44. Karen Doy Liz Hettle and Natalie Litchfield also took part.

## Glassboys skipper commits to club for new campaign

CLUB captain Stuart Pierpoint is among seven players to have committed themselves to Stourbridge FC for the 2016/17 season.

Kristian Green, Joe Hull, Tom Tonks, Leon Broadhurst and Justin Richards have all agreed terms, joining keeper Matt Gould, central defender Dan Scarr and winger Chris Lait, who have already signed contracts.

The Glassboys have, however, lost the services of midfielder Sean Geddes who has opted to re-join Worcester City for a second spell and they are currently awaiting decisions from wide man Matt Dodd and top scorer Karl Hawley.

Stourbridge have moved swiftly to appoint Kieran Bustin as the new manager of their youth team following the departure of Dave King to become Tivdale first team.

Former Arsenal and Wolves man Jon Purdie has returned to the club to become the new coach of the youth team. He had successfully fulfilled this role previously before moving on in April 2015 to manage the Bilston Town first team for much of last season.

## Seventh heaven for TT racer Rutter



Rutter on the start line

MICHAEL Rutter ended his TT campaign on a high as the week of racing came to a stunning conclusion.

The Brierley Hill-born rider finished the six-lap Senior TT race with a solid seventh place on his BMW 1000RR superbike.

Rutter managed to lap the 37.73-mile course with an average speed of over 129mph during the week's final race, won by Northern Ireland's Michael Dunlop in a record-breaking time.

The result meant he finished sixth

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overall in the Joey Dunlop TT Championship.

Rutter, 44, had already finished 10th in Wednesday's second four-lap supersport race on his 600cc Kawasaki but was unfortunate to break down while running third during the four-lap lightweight race after stepping in for the injured Ryan Farquar.

Rutter said after the senior: "For the first two laps we were running a

rear tyre with a higher pressure than normal. It made the handling of the bike nowhere near where I needed it to be.

"At the pit stop we switched to a rear with lower pressure, and again at the second pit stop.

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"The bike just got better and better," he added. "We were slightly over-gearred so the bike wouldn't pull sixth gear but I'm absolutely over the moon to get another top-10 finish."

# HEATHENS IN KO CUP SCARE

CRADLEY scraped through to the next round of speedway's Knockout Cup with a 46-42 win over Buxton in a dramatic meeting at Monmore on Monday night.

The Motor Market Heathens needed a last-heat decider to claim victory and they certainly made hard work of maintaining their 100 per cent home record on a frustrating night where the hosts threw plenty of points away.

The visitors stunned Cradley in the opening exchanges as they took advantages of spills from Ben Basford and Luke Chessell.

Former Heathens Nathan Greaves and Ellis Perks took two of the opening three victories as the guests helped the Hitmen to an early 13-5 advantage.

The Heathens struck back with a 5-1 from the gate in heat four courtesy of Max Clegg and James Purchase before a nightmare run for the home side saw them fall further behind.

Both Chessell and debutant Layne Cupitt slid off when in comfortable second places either side of Ashley Morris suffering a blown engine while leading a 5-1 in heat six.

The Heathens gradually chipped away at the Hitmen's advantage and three races in favour of the hosts pulled them back to within four.

However, Cupitt could have pulled them even closer had he not slid off when in third places in heats nine and eleven.

Trailing by four with 13 races gone, the Heathens required two heat advantages to secure victory. Chessell and Purchase outgated their opponents and combined for a 5-1 in heat 14 to pull the scores level.

Race of the night fittingly came in heat 15 as the Heathens secured back-to-back maximums to edge through.

Cradley won 90-86 on aggregate

Max Clegg completed a fine unbeaten night from the gate while Morris hunted Greaves down and timed his move to perfection on the final two bends up the inside.

The Heathens travel to Mildenhall in the National League on Sunday.

## Charlotte serves up a bronze



Charlotte Bardsley, of Stourbridge, in table tennis action

STOURBRIDGE ace Charlotte Bardsley proved a smash hit as she helped England to win a team bronze medal at the Cadet Six Nations competition in France.

The 13-year-old joined Mollie Patterson, Gauri Duhan and Denise Payet to take on teams from Germany, Sweden, Denmark and two from hosts France.

They beat France B and Germany 6-4 and

Denmark 10-0 and lost 6-4 to champions France A. A 5-5 draw with Sweden meant the two nations finished with seven points, and Sweden edged the silver medals on countback, with 378 points to England's 361.

In the individual events, Heathfield School pupil Bardsley won two out of five matches to finish fifth in her group, missing out on a quarter-final place.

## Ironman is main event for triathletes

THE favoured race for Black Country Triathletes was the Staffordshire Ironman 70.3. First home for BCT was Chris Wood in 4:51:08 finishing 11th in his age group.

Others taking part were Neil Millward, Neil Howells, Richard Hancher, Keith Bate, who was first in his age group, Tim Blewitt, Matt Price, Paul Gamston, Mark Southall, Martin Dodd, Cheryl Blewitt, James Hayward, Paul Silk, Lee Barker, Pat Hackett, fourth in age group, Kevin Anson and Tim Price. Ed Bolland completed the swim in 29:26 and bike in 2:40:27 but due to injury couldn't finish the run.

Mike Anslow and Andrew Dugmore competed in the Cotswold 113 at the Ashton Keynes water park. In difficult weather conditions, and despite a bike crash and puncture Anslow came home in 4:57:22 and Dugmore in 7:13:20.

Mark Evans and daughter Lauren competed in the standard distance open event as part of the ITU World Triathlon. They finished just a minute apart. Shameer Gopal and Gary Taylor competed in the sprint distance race with their respective children Cian and Leah Gopal and Zak Taylor racing in the junior triathlon races along with Noah Sandland, Reece Ashfield and Zoe Brickley raced in the youth aquathlon and Holly Lewis took a silver medal in her age group from the open aquathlon.

David Nash and Lee Moreton competed in the Deva standard distance race in Chester. Both finished fifth in their age group.

Dave Hathaway took on Ironman Nice, a 2.4 mile swim, 112-mile bike ride and marathon distance run. Chris Wood finished 21st male overall and 10th in his age category in the Bala middle distance triathlon and Gary Bonner was first in his age and 13th overall in The Avenger Standard distance race in Stafford.

## Duo in GB shooting paralympics squad

WEST Midlands duo Ryan Cockbill and Richard Davies are heading to their second Paralympic Games after being named in Team GB's shooting squad.

Walsall's Cockbill and Davies, from Stourbridge, are part of the 10-man squad off to Rio de Janeiro in Brazil.

Cockbill - who took up the sport after breaking his neck in a freak paddling pool accident - set a world record in 2013.

Meanwhile, Davies - who was a wheelchair rugby player for 14 years before dedicating himself to shooting - has enjoyed a fine year as he looks to regain his position at the top of the world rankings.

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